

Pittsville School District's Vision and Mission:

Vision:

Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships

Mission:

Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community

PHS January School Board Report

1. Student and Staff Learning:

- a. "Grading for Equity" book study journey: The teaching staff at PHS continues to learn and grow their teaching and educational technology practices each week during our professional development time. Our current focus is to grow our grading practices to align with the state standards for each content area, and to make the grading a true reflection of the learning expectations of each course. We ask for your patience while we work through this process of growing to ensure a better learning environment for the students.

1. Innovation and Recognition:

- a. I have been asking teachers each Wednesday when we come together for professional learning community time to share things that they have tried and that are working well or was a lesson learned. Here are some bullet statements from weeks past:
 - i. "I had students share emotions that were elicited while reading a book of their choice. This helped me realize that instead of testing comprehension, I should ask more open questions that can relate to anything they are

reading, therefore allowing them to participate even if they did not do the assigned reading for the day! (For the students, sharing their emotions was not easy)

- ii. I am working on a video library for my classes; a place for students to access demonstration videos throughout the term. The plan is to have a method to alleviate the ‘go back and look in google classroom.’
- iii. With those students in quarantine status, we have been meeting during the school day at the scheduled time of class and it has been going well, this has helped students not get behind!! Woohoo for them attending.
- iv. I will be ‘going back to school’ to complete 3 credits so that I can teach any dual credit offering in English through MSTC for our students.”

2. Looking Ahead:

- a. We are bringing students back five days a week, but it is important that everyone understands due to concerns with COVID-19, our school culture will not be completely restored. There are no plans for a junior prom or assemblies, and masks must still be worn at all times. During lunch, students will maintain an appropriate social distance, and use limited designated seating areas which are appropriately spaced out. Fans and visitors at school sports are still limited. Graduation for the class of 2021 has been moved to Friday night, May 28, 2021, 7:00pm, at the Badger State Fruit parking lot.
- b. The annual state required ACT will take place on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The testing event is required for the juniors, starts at 8am, and will be held on the PHS campus. The 9th, 10th, and 12th grade students will have virtual learning only that

day, so the building is conducive to testing for the duration of the rigorous six hours.