

*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*

1. Student and Staff Learning:

- a. The experience of a pandemic has impacted every aspect of our lives in both challenging ways and positive ways. As stated by our graduates during their speeches, this time with family has been invaluable and precious. Memories they thought they would experience did not happen, and yet in other ways, their lives are forever marked by a strange, unexpected ending to this chapter of their lives and will be memorable nonetheless. The HS staff was recently interviewed for lessons learned, reflections, future support needs, and celebrations. As evidenced by the comments, the learning curve was enacted rapidly in order to navigate distance learning and teaching.

2. Innovation and Recognition:

- a. Recognition of the PHS staff by name is warranted given the recent success of our distance learning experience: Math - Marlis Downs and Tara Grossman; English - Zoe Hale and Chauncey Jones; Science - Todd Steward and Mark Denniston; Social Studies - John Downs and Robert Piotrowski; CTE Team - Alyssa Anderson, Lindsay Meissner, Stephen Hadfield, Jordan Rayburn; Physical

Education - Justin Rayburn; Spanish and English Learner services - Alix Madden; Special Education - Gina Zickert and Aneva Petersen; PHS Counselor - Emily Krystowiak; Library Media Center - Cheryl Ashbeck; Student services - Lori Elwood; Administrative Assistant - Kim Fox; Band - Nick Bertino; Art - Alex Heiden; and Music / Choir - Megan Schirger. I am proud of the work they did to become proficient distance learning teachers, the flexibility and empathy they showed to students in order to promote attendance and engagement, the daily communication they had with students and parents, and the fact that they came to our 7:30am staff Google Meet every day, in order to ensure we were connected and communicated with each other about students and learning. Because of their efforts, PHS can boast an average daily absence of 9 students a day during 100% distance learning when looking at 2 or more graded classes a day missed.

- b. PHS will celebrate another school year with a 100% graduation rate.
3. Looking Ahead:
- a. PHS will be applying to DPI in the near future for a schoolwide Title 1 program status.
  - b. PHS staff looks forward to tackling the challenges presented by blended learning during the pandemic, knowing that the lessons of recent months serve to advance us as professionals in our education field.