

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I hope this fall newsletter finds you and your families well. Much has changed for our public spaces and schools since March 13. Pittsville School District was the only area district to require attendance and grading through the end of the 4th quarter. It was a bumpy start, but in the end, our students finished with 97% still engaged with learning. Our teachers and administration learned a great deal about distance learning and we were fortunate to have only had two families who were unable to access off site internet connection.



During the spring and summer, we reflected on the data and started planning for the start of school in our new reality of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Full day summer school was held for 3 weeks including meals and busing and our Pittsville Child Care Center reopened their doors for up to 50% of our capacity on June 1. The child care center is increasing our enrollment capacity at the start of school. If you are looking for quality child care in a fully licensed facility with scheduled age appropriate social and learning activities, please contact our facility director, Tabitha Becker at becketab@pittsville.k12.wi.us.

The Board of Education had a very deep discussion prior to deciding on our start plan August 10. There is no clear or obvious right choice other than to answer the question, how can we do this in as safe a way as possible? The choices are much more complicated than a yes or no answer. The safety of our students and staff has been the driving factor in changes made in our schools and operations.

School will begin on Tuesday, September 1, and all students will have the opportunity to attend school in person. The number of days is based on your current grade.

4K – 5th: Full attendance all students on site 5 days a week

6th – 12th: 2 days in-person attendance and 3 days distance setting

Children with health concerns or other COVID-19 related concerns may choose to stay in the full time distance learning setting and the district will provide curriculum and instruction as well as a Chromebook or other device to access the internet. A limited number of mobile hotspots are available for check out if no internet access is available. If you choose to start in the full time distance setting, you may at a later date change to in person. You will not be locked into distance learning for the entire semester or year.

All students, staff, and visitors are required to wear a face covering when in our buildings, on our properties, or on the buses. We will have times during the day when face coverings may be removed and replaced with provided face shields. Our classrooms and learning spaces will look and feel very different, but our care and service to your children will remain as you have come to expect.

If you have school age children who are not old enough to be home alone, please plan for child care in the event of a quarantine or school closure. The goal is to have the school open as long as it is safe for students and staff to be on site.

Please keep your child home of they are sick. There is a flow chart and other information included with the "Tools For Schools" reference on our website which will help you with a before school checklist and how to assess whether to send your child, keep them home, or get them a COVID-19 test (www.pittsville.k12.wi.us).

Future state and county guidance may be issued which could alter our plans. We will continue to reflect and refine the details to best serve those in our care. There is more detailed information on our District website which will be kept up to date.

If we are going to succeed in keeping the schools open and getting all students back on campus, we need everyone to do their part to limit exposure to COVID-19. Your children are the most important part of the conversation, but if the staff is unable to come to work, we will not be able to keep our doors open.

Our best for their best.



"When we least expect it, life sets us a challenge to test our courage and willingness to change; at such a moment, there is no point in pretending that nothing has happened or in saying that we are not yet ready. The challenge will not wait. Life does not look back. We need to decide to accept our destiny." ~ Paulo Coelho



HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a very interesting start to the 2020-2021 school year! As you may know, we are starting school in cohorts. There is the Monday and Tuesday group, Purple Cohort, and the Thursday and Friday group, Gold Cohort. As you might imagine, it was a feat to divide up the High School and make it work with schedules, but the awesome CTE team, counselor and administrative assistant pulled it all together to make it work. We were able to preserve Senior Capstone and Junior Job Shadow, while keeping siblings on the same side of the week. We will be sharing your cohort information very soon! As you can imagine, we want to be as careful as possible because we know family schedules depend on us getting this right.

Juniors! It is ACT time! Some of you have already signed up to take a Fall 2020 ACT with writing, and that is super! I have been getting those emails from students letting me know you are already signed up, and you have sent me your ACT test tickets. Great work! If you have not done so already, please visit ACT.org. September 2020 ACT test dates have a late August deadline, and October 2020 test dates have a middle September deadline. Please go to ACT.org or contact myself or Mrs. Krystowiak if you have any questions.

Students and Parents -- We know you have a lot of questions about how school will look, and if "it is going to be like the spring." We have learned many lessons from the spring online teaching experience, and we are going to make this cohort learning model as amazing as we can! Please be patient while we learn and grow, just like we want you to learn and grow. We will be having Google Meets with students and families the first week of school to explain in detail how Google Classroom will work, and the expectations. We want to achieve consistency with our use of Google Classroom, and we know we have to show and explain to do that.

There will still be attendance, and we think we have outlined a very straightforward, consistent, and easy to follow plan. We will be going over all of these expectations in detail the first week of school. There will be a freshmen and new student orientation, but we are asking for your patience while the PHS Staff pulls it together for you when we all come back together on August 18th.

We will see you very soon, Enjoy the final days of summer.

Dr. Porter

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. I can speak for myself and my entire staff that we are very excited for the students to be back into the building. We all understand that this school year will look and feel differently from other

years, but the one thing that will never change is our dedication to providing the highest quality of education to each student here at Pittsville Elementary School.

The education of your child is our priority. Please know we are taking precautionary measures to keep our staff and students safe.

We will be doing Online Verification again this year. Doing this process online will reduce the amount of paperwork you have to complete the first day of school. Everyone is required to participate in this process, so if you have any questions or concerns please contact myself at 715.884.5219 or the Elementary School Administrative Assistant, Karen Garrels, at 715.884.2517. We both will gladly assist you in any way we can.

Getting to know one another is one of the exciting aspects of a new school year. We are still hosting our Meet and Greet. It, like many other events, will be structured a little differently this year. Here is our plan for Meet and Greet:

- Your child's classroom teacher will send an email on August 20th. This email will be asking for your preference on how you would like to meet your child's teacher. You will be able to choose between a telephone call or a Google Meet.
- These appointments will be set up on Tuesday, August 25th from 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Please plan on a 5-10 minute appointment with your child's teacher.
- Please note: 4K students will be setting up individual appointments in the building so they can see the school and meet their teachers in person.
- Please be assured that your child can bring his/her supplies in the first week of school (not just the first day). Students will not be expected to bring all the supplies in on the first day of school. Simply have your child bring what he / she can each day until all the supplies are in. If you need assistance with supplies, please contact Ms. Raygo at raygoash@pittsville.k12.wi.us.

All grade levels will be creating a Google Slide Presentation to share with parents / guardians / students. This presentation will contain important grade level information and will be shared with you prior to your Meet and Greet appointment. You are encouraged to view the presentation prior to meeting with your teacher - that way you can ask any follow up questions you may have.

Please remember we are in this together, we all need one another, and communication is the key. I am here to assist and support you all in any way I can.

Mrs. Friday and Staff

Parenting with Connection

As we begin the 20-21 school year, there are many challenges that we face ahead. It is easy to get caught up in the commotion and lose focus on what matters. This is especially easy to do when it comes down to parenting during these times and in general. Whether you are a biological parent, foster parent, grandparent, or thought-of-parent, either now or in the future the key term is parenting. It is not an easy job and to be supported only helps in the 18+ year long run.

The Pittsville School District is here to help support you in your current role of parent or even future parents! There is no better time to learn than now and to be prepared and supported. As a part of the School Mental Health Grant for the 20-21 school year, please join us during our monthly sessions to help you! We will be offering meetings on the following Tuesday dates: October 6, November 10, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 13, & May 4. Sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. at Pittsville Elementary School in Ms. Raygo's classroom. A lite dinner and potential childcare will be provided. Topics will include, but are not limited to how to deal with childhood anxieties, self-esteem, stress, and anger & aggression all while using parenting strategies on how to connect with your child. These sessions are meant for parents in all stages of life in K-12th grades. As each stage of development changes the child, so do parenting strategies & challenges. Please mark your calendar in advance and be sure to sign up for these sessions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs. Krystowiak, 9-12 School Counselor, 715-884-5223 or kystemi@pittsville.k12.wi.us Mrs. M. Petersen, 6-8 School Counselor, 715-884-2517 or petermar@pittsville.k12.wi.us Ms. Raygo, 4K-5 School Counselor, 715-884-2517 or raygoash@pittsville.k12.wi.us

NO SCHOOL DAYS

2020-2021 School Calendar

Sep 7 Labor Day Oct 30 Teacher Inservice Nov 26-27 Thanksgiving Break Dec 24-Jan1 Winter Break Jan 15 Teacher Inservice No School (Snow Make Up Day) Feb 26 Mar 19 Inservice Apr 1 No School (Snow Make Up Day) Apr 2-9 Spring Break May 31 Memorial Day

First Day of School — Sept I Last Day of

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Nov 5 and Nov 10 4:00 -7:30 PM

Last Day of School — May 28

First Quarter	Sep 1 – Oct 29
Second Quarter	Nov 2 – Jan 14
Third Quarter	Jan 18 – Mar 18
Fourth Quarter	Mar 22 – May 28

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MENUS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.PITTSVILLE.K12.WI.US

LOW LUNCH BALANCES

Accounts below \$25.00 will be notified weekly through the Pittsville School District's School Messenger alert system. The notice explains that your family food service funds are running low and money should be added as soon as possible. If a family account gets below zero, a notice will be sent out stating if the amount due is not paid in three working days, your children will no longer be able to participate in the breakfast and/or lunch program. If no money is received, a note will go home explaining the account is closed and Pittsville Schools will no longer be providing breakfast, lunch, or milk.

It is then the parent's responsibility to provide their child with a lunch from home. Once money is added, your children may again participate in the school's food service programs. Here are a few tips to insure your family food service account is up-to-date and in good standing.

- Check with your answering machines and email to see if your family received an alert message concerning a low lunch balance.
- If you received a notice, please send payment as soon as possible.
- When sending in a payment, please include your family name and amount sent.

2020-2021 MEAL PRICES

4K- Grade 3 Lunch	\$2.40
Grade 4-8 Lunch	\$2.80
Grade 9-12 Lunch	\$3.25
Adult Lunch	\$3.90
Reduced Lunch	\$.40
Milk	\$.30
4K-Gr 12 Breakfast	\$1.00
Adult Breakfast	\$2.00
After School Snack	\$.50

After School Snack for Free/Reduced Students is FREE.

NUTRITION NUGGETS

News from our Food & Nutrition Services Department

Welcome Back Students and Staff

Dear Families, welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

I would like to welcome all students back for another exciting school year. COVID-19 has put a lot of changes in how our everyday lives are run and our foodservice here at Pittsville, as in all other school settings, will look a little different as we navigate in these times. Our school nutrition program will run as follows until we get any changes brought down from the USDA and DPI:

- In general, students will come down to the meal service area one classroom at a time. The student will be using a laminated card with their name and student ID in a form of a barcode that the student will scan at the point of service. The student is responsible for making sure they have this card on them at all meal service times (both breakfast and lunch). We ask all students please wear their face coverings while going through the service line and take into account social distancing between all students and staff. There will be one entrance and one exit, students will not be allowed to come back through the line unless directed by a staff member and will need to follow social distancing.
- We will discontinue the salad bar during this COVID period along with any items that would have been self-serve (condiments, salad dressings, infused water station). All condiments and salad dressings will be in pre-portioned containers/packets and all items form the salad bar such as fruit and fresh vegetables will be in single use pre-portioned containers.
- All meals will be eaten in the classroom. Students will be using all disposable items (trays, eating utensils, etc.) that will be thrown away in proper trash areas located in areas near the classrooms. For grades of 4K and Kindergarten, they will be eating their meals in the cafeteria. Steps will be taken to use physical distancing, such as reducing the number of students in the cafeteria at any one time, changing the orientation and/or seating arrangements.
- Meals will be available for pick-up for those students who are enrolled in Pittsville on the days they are learning from home either because they choose to do all of their learning online or they are in an A/B cohort model. Meals will be claimed based on a student's free, reduced, or paid meal status so families will need to continue depositing money into their student's meal account if they wish to pick up meals and the student does not qualify for free meals. When picking up meals, the student(s) do not need to be present, but the names and grade levels (first and last name of the students) will need to be given so the meals can be claimed to their accounts.
- Meal pick up times will be from 10 am to 1 pm at the Pittsville Elementary/Middle School Building for all grades outside the building by the entrance where the students are dropped off and picked up by the school buses each day. Pick up days are Monday and Wednesday. Each day three breakfast and three lunch meals will be given per student. If the student is enrolled in the A/B cohort model, Monday will be the pick-up day for students that learning virtual and not in the school building Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday. Wednesday pick up day will be for students that are learning virtual and not in the school building Wednesday/Thursday/Friday. For student that are enrolled in the complete virtual learning setting meals are still Monday and Wednesday and can be picked up on both days to equal the meals for the week (each pick up will give enough meals to get through the days until the next scheduled pick up day)
- Meals served on the Monday and Wednesday pick up days will not be the same meals served in the schools
 and these pick up meals will be items that are a combination of shelf stable, refrigerated, and/or items that
 need to be heated at home. Instructions on safe handling of food and possible heating of items will be
 included in each pre-packed meal and posted on our website.

Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Andres, Food Service Director

andremat@pittsville.k12.wi.us

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals. To apply, complete a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application. Use one application for all students in your household. Be sure to fill out all required information and return the application to Matt Andres, Food Service Director, 5459 Elementary Ave, Suite 1, Pittsville, WI 54466. The free or reduced lunch program not only benefits families but it also helps your school. Your application is completely confidential. If you did not receive a copy in the mail, the applications are available online at www.pittsville.k12. wi.us and in your school offices.



--- NUTRITION NUGGETS, continued ---

ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE EASY AND CONVENIENT

Pittsville School District uses Skyward Family Access & RevTrak® for its online payment services.

Parents can make online payments from home or work, 24/7. If their child's food service balance is low, it only takes a few minutes to add money to it using their VISA or MasterCard credit or debit card (NOTE: your credit card will be charged \$2.50 for the convenience of making an online payment). Payments are made through the student's Skyward Family Access account.

- · Visit our district website www.pittsville.k12.wi.us
- From the left side menu click on Skyward > Family and Student Access
- Log in to Skyward Family Access (you will need your Login and Password)
- · Select "Food Service" from "General Information" menu on the left
- · View Balance and select "Make Online Payment"
- · Enter payment amount and select "Pay with RevTrak"
- Verify payment amount and select "Go to Checkout"
- If a new customer, select "I am a new customer" and enter your email address. If a returning customer select "I am a returning customer."



Cancellations, Delays, Early Dismissal

If weather conditions are such that you think the school schedule may be interrupted, please listen to one of the stations listed below. Notification of cancellations, delays, or early dismissals due to inclement weather will also be made through the Pittsville School District's alert system and on the District's Facebook page. Parents should have an emergency plan for dealing with these situations for the safety and health of their children. Do not drop children off at school on mornings when school is to be delayed, as there is not supervision available on those days.

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EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

It is the policy of the Pittsville School District, pursuant to state and federal laws and regulations, that no person may be denied admission to any public school in this District or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular (which would include all Career and Technical Education opportunities), extra-curricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, homelessness status, any physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or any other legally-protected status or classification as required by S. 118.13, Wis. Stats. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The District encourages informal resolutions of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available, however, to address allegations of violations of the policy in the Pittsville School District.

Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to: Matthew Sherwood, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services, School District of Pittsville, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 2, Pittsville, Wisconsin 54466, 715-884-2517 Ext 255.

State Statutes requires that notice be provided to parents annually on a number of issues of importance regarding your student(s). While we have included all the annual notices that we are aware of below, it may not be all inclusive. When we become aware of additional notices, we will add them to the list. Please review the information carefully. If you have any questions regarding the content, please contact the district office at 715-884-6694.

STUDENT ACADEMIC STANDARDS (Policy 313). State law requires the District to provide the parents and guardians of all enrolled students with notice of the academic standards in mathematics, science, reading and writing, geography, and history that have been adopted by the School Board and that will be in effect during each school year. The School District of Pittsville will continue to implement the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Details of these standards can be viewed at http://dpi.wi.gov/standards.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILLITY REPORT. The School Report Card, using multiple measures of student learning, provides valuable guidance on how our schools are doing and where they can improve. The report cards help all Wisconsin public schools get a better picture of how well they help children learn, advance to the next grade, and graduate ready for college and career. Parents can view each school's report card on our website at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us. Additional school accountability information is available at DPI Accountability Website. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and student assessment requirement waivers for the 2019-2020 school year, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is prohibited by section 115.385(6) of the state statutes from publishing a school and school district accountability report in the 2020-2021 school year. Therefore, the most recent school accountability report that is provided to parents/guardians will be the one for the 2018-2019 school year.

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS (Policy 343.4-Exhibit). School Boards are required by section 118.57 of the state statutes to annually publish a description of the educational options available to the children residing in our district, including public schools, private schools participating in parental choice programs, charter schools, virtual schools, part-time and full-time open enrollment, Early College Credit Program, Technical College Course Program ("Start College Now"), and options available for home-based private educational program students. This description will be posted on the district website at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and student assessment requirement waivers for the 2019-2020 school year, the DPI is prohibited by section 115.385(6) of the state statutes from publishing a school and school district accountability report in the 2020-2021 school year. Therefore, the test score performance categories from the most recent school and school district accountability reports (for the 2018-2019 school year) will be used.

SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT PERFORMANCE REPORT. The School Performance Report serves as our state's annual public school report card and represents the most comprehensive resource for data on school performance and student achievement. Each report gives information pertinent to the Pittsville School District compared to State of Wisconsin totals. You may refer to the Wisconsin DPI Website for complete comparison of all Wisconsin Schools. Please go to https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/sdpr/spr.action to review the Pittsville School District's School. Parent/Guardians of each student enrolled have the right to request a school and school district performance report. Since state-required assessments were waived for the 2019-2020 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, any state assessment performance data included the school and school district performance reports required under section 115.38 for the 2020-2021 school year will likely be assessment data from the 2018-2019 school year.

STUDENT ASSESSMENTS (Policy 346). The Pittsville School District annually administers the following examinations:

- The Wisconsin Forward Exam at grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics; at grades 4 and 8 Science; and at grades 4, 8, and 10 Social Studies
- ACT Aspire at Grade 9 and 10
- The ACT Plus Writing at grade 11 for Reading, English, Mathematics, Science, and Writing
- ACT Work Keyes at grade 11

GENERAL STUDENT NONDISCRIMINATION (Policy 411). It is the policy of the Pittsville School District, pursuant to state and federal laws and regulations, that no person may be denied admission to any public school in this District or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular (which would include all Career and Technical Education opportunities), extra-curricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, homelessness status, any physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or any other legally-protected status or classification as required by S. 118.13, Wis. Stats. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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TITLE IX. The School District of Pittsville does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex in the district's education programs and activities as required by Title IX and Part 106 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The requirement not to discriminate extends to admission and employment. Inquiries about the application of Title IX and Part 106 to such recipient may be referred to the District's Title IX Coordinator, to the Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, or both. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available. To address allegations of violations in the Pittsville School District, please contact: Matthew Sherwood, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services/Title IX Coordinator, School District of Pittsville, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 1, Pittsville, WI 54466, 715-884-2517.

STUDENT NONDISCRIMINATION IN RELATION TO CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION. As required by C.F.R. 34, Appendix B to Part 100, this notice shall serve to advise students and parent/guardians that all career and technical education programs offered by the School District of Pittsville will be available without regard to a person's sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, homelessness status, any physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or any other legally-protected status or classification as required by S. 118.13, Wis. Stats. The School District of Pittsville offers a variety of career and technical courses for grades 7-12. These courses offer opportunities for students to explore technology, trade and industrial, agriculture, business, marketing/entrepreneurship, family and consumer science, and health science. The admission criteria or pre-requisites for the career and technical education courses offered in grades 9-12 can be found in the PHS Course Handbook located on the district website at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us. The person designated to coordinate district compliance with nondiscrimination laws: Matthew Sherwood, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services/Title IX Coordinator, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 2, Pittsville, WI 54466, 715-884-2517 Ext. 255, sherwmat@pittsville.k12.wi.us. Lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation.

STUDENT RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS (Policy 381.2 and 411). Students may be excused from a classroom activity or from portions of the established course of instruction where the instructional content would violate the child's religious beliefs. Students may be required to complete an alternative assignment or course of instruction to meet course requirements. Questions or complaints concerning accommodations should be directed to the student's teacher or building principal.

EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH (Policy 411.2). The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youth as: Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who are: sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic

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hardship, or a similar reason; living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative Adequate accommodations; living in emergency or transitional shelters; abandoned in hospitals; living in a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings; living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and migratory children who qualify as homeless because the children are living in circumstances described above. If you are personally aware of or are acquainted with any children or youth who may qualify according to the above criteria, the Pittsville School District provides the following assurances to parents and guardians of homeless children and youth and unaccompanied homeless youth:

- The child or youth shall be immediately enrolled and allowed to fully participate in school, even if unable to produce records normally required for enrollment (e.g., academic records, immunization and other required health records, proof of residency, or other documentation) or has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness.
- Homeless children and youths are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless and have full and equal educational and related opportunities.
- Meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children including special notices of events, parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, and access to student records.
- Immediate enrollment and transportation to the school of origin. "School of origin" means the school that a child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled, including a preschool.
- Written explanation of any decisions related to school selection or enrollment made by the school, the local educational agency, or the State educational agency involved, including the rights of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to appeal and receive prompt resolution of such decisions.

Please contact Dr. Cynthia Porter, homeless liaison for the Pittsville School District, at 715-884-6412 or portecyn@pittsville.k12.wi.us for additional information about the rights and services described above.

STUDENT PRIVACY/SURVEYS (Policy 333.1). The school board respects the privacy rights of parents and their children. No student shall be required to participate in any survey associated with a school program or the district's curriculum, or which is administered by a third party in the school, if the survey includes one or more of the following items:

- 1. Activities involving the collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information (otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose.)
- 2. The administration of any survey containing information related to one or more of the following items:
 - political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
 - mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
 - sex behavior or attitudes;
 - illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behaviors;
 - critical appraisals of other individuals with whom students have close family relationships;
 - legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
 - religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student's parents; or
 - income other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program.
- 3. Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is: (a) required as a condition of attendance, (b) administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance, and (c) not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student or other students.

The building principal shall notify parents/guardians at the beginning of each year of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when such survey activities are scheduled involving their children. Parents/guardians shall be given the opportunity to request that their child not participate in a survey containing the above information. If a survey containing the above information is funded in whole or in part by a program administered by the U.S. Department of Education, written consent shall be obtained from the student or, in the case of a minor student, the student's parent/guardian before the student participates in the survey.

Parents/guardians may, upon request, inspect a survey containing any of the above information and any survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed to a student. They may also request to inspect any instructional materials used in connection with the survey or any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum for the student. Requests to inspect a survey or instructional materials should be made to the building principal or his/her designee. Survey inspection requests should be made prior to the date in which the survey is scheduled to be administered to students. The principal or designee shall respond to such requests without delay.

HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (Policy 341.31). The Pittsville School District provides instruction in human growth and development throughout the K-12 curriculum. No student may be required to take any or all instruction in this area if the student's parent/guardian files with the teacher or school principal a written request that the student be exempted. Students exempted from such instruction will still receive instruction in the subject areas described in sections 118.01(2)(d)2c and 8 of the state statutes. Information on complete curriculum and instructional materials can be requested by contacting your child's principal.

SPECIAL EDUCATION. Upon request, the Pittsville School District is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district. A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made. Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting Matthew Sherwood, Director of Special Education and Pupil Service, at 715-884-2517 or 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 1, Pittsville, WI 54466.

SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. (Policy 342.1-Exhibit) This notice serves to inform parents and guardians of students with disabilities that the State of Wisconsin has established the Special Needs Scholarship Program. Under this scholarship program and as further specified in state law, a child with a disability who has been denied the opportunity to attend a nonresident school district under the full-time open enrollment program may be eligible to receive a scholarship from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) that allows the child to attend an eligible private school that is participating in the Special Needs Scholarship Program. This is a state-administered program. A parent or guardian who is interested in the Special Needs Scholarship Program should independently verify the participating private schools and the specific terms, eligibility criteria, and application procedures of the scholarship program with the DPI. The Special Needs Scholarship Program is further defined under section

115.7915 of the state statutes. Additional information about the program should be available on the website of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/special-needs-scholarship.

TITLE I PROGRAMS/TEACHER/PARAPROFESSIONALS QUALIFICATIONS. The School District of Pittsville receives federal Title I program funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

<u>Parental Involvement Policy (811)</u> The Board of Education believes that the education of each student is a responsibility shared by the school as well as parents. The Board recognizes the need for a constructive partnership between the district and parents that provides for two-way communication and fosters educational support for students and parents. In this policy, the word "parent" also includes guardians and other members of a student's family involved in the student's education. In keeping with these beliefs, it is the intention of the district to cultivate and support active parental involvement and to set and realize goals for parent-supported student learning. To that end, the district shall:

- 1. Keep the citizens of the district regularly and thoroughly informed through all channels of communication on all policies, programs, and planning of the district, and to carry out this policy through its own efforts and through the offices of the district administrator and building principals.
- 2. Consult with and encourage parents to share in school planning and in the setting of objectives through participating in school advisory committees.
- 3. Help parents understand the education process and their role in supporting student achievement.
- 4. Inform parents of school choices within the district, including but not limited to, information about open enrollment, choice programs, and charter schools.
- 5. Provide opportunities for parents to be informed about their student's progress toward attaining proficiency on state and district content standards through written materials and public meetings. Information shall explain how the student's progress will be measured and how parents will be informed of such progress. This information shall also be provided to the building level and district committees.
- 6. Provide appropriate avenues for parents to find support in their role.
- 7. Encourage organizations for parents at each school building as well as at the district level. The organizations shall receive information concerning district and school activities and shall have opportunities for input into district decisions as appropriate.

Professional Qualifications of Teachers and Paraprofessionals. In accordance with federal law requirements, we are informing you that you may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teachers, including the following: 1) whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction, 2) whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived, and 3) is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher. You may also request information regarding whether your child is being provided services by a paraprofessional(s) and, if so, the qualifications of any paraprofessional providing services to your child. Requests for teacher and paraprofessional qualification information should be directed to [identify the person/position and contact information] at the school. The requested information will be provided to you in a timely manner.

Student Assessment Information (Policy 346 and 346 Exhibit). Districts receiving Federal Title 1 program funds are required by the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) [20 U.S.C. 6312(e)(2A)] to notify parents of each student attending any school receiving such funds that the parents may request information regarding any state or local school district policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by law and by the district.

Student Achievement Level and Academic Growth on State Academic Assessments. Each school receiving Federal Title 1 funds is required by the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) [20 U.S.C. 6312(e)(1(B)(i)] to provide each individual parent of a child who is a student in such school, information on the achievement level and academic growth of their child, if applicable and available, on each of the state academic assessments.

<u>District Report Card.</u> District receiving Federal Title 1 program funds are required by the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) [20 U.S.C. 6311(h)(2)] to prepare and disseminate an annual school district report card that includes designated information on the district as a whole and each school served by the district. Pittsville School District's report card can be found at https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/sdpr/spr.action. Due to the widespread school closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Department of Education has waived federal reporting requirements regarding student assessment and accountability data for the 2019-2020 school year. According to the DPI's federal waiver information for local educational agencies posted on its website, most of the information normally required to be reported will not be reported due to the assessment waiver. "Some information, however, will still be available, including the accountability system description, English language proficiency results, and possibly data related to the indicator of school quality and student success (absenteeism)."

PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS (Policy 342.7). Parents/Guardians of limited English Proficiency (English Learners) students participating in a language instruction program shall be notified, no later than 30 days after the beginning of the school year, of the following:

- 1. The reason for the identification of their child as an English Learner and in need of placement in a language instruction educational program.
- 2. The child's level of English proficiency, how such level was assessed, and the status of the child's academic achievement.
- 3. The methods of instruction used in other available programs, including how such programs differ in content, instructional goals, and the use of English and a native language in instruction.
- 4. How the program in which their child is, or will be, participating will meet the educational strengths and needs of their child.
- 5. How the program will specifically help their child learn English and meet age-appropriate academic achievement standards for grade promotion and graduation.
- 6. The specific exit requirements for the program, including the expected rate of transition from the program into classrooms that are not tailored for English learners, and the expected rate of graduation from high school.
- 7. In the case of a child with a disability, how the program meets the child's individualized education program (IEP) objectives.
- 8. Information pertaining to parental rights to enroll or remove a child from the language instruction program. WI State Statutes 115.96(2)

EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. PI-26 or Education for Employment (E4E) is a WI State Law that requires all school districts to develop a plan to "prepare elementary and secondary pupils for employment, to promote cooperation between business and industry and public schools, and to establish a role for public schools in the economic development of Wisconsin." The Pittsville School District has developed a diverse plan that utilizes input from district staff and community stakeholders. The plan is an important aspect of academic and career planning at Pittsville School District and insures that all students will graduate prepared with knowledge and skills to enter the workforce.

It is the goal of Pittsville School District to offer rigorous and relevant career related opportunities for students in K-12. Pittsville School District will work with local and regional partners to ensure that each student graduates with an array of experiences in the world of work. The complete plan can be found on the district website at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us.

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING SERVICES FOR STUDENTS. Pittsville School District offers Academic and Career Plan (ACP) to all students in grades 6-12 through a program called "Career Cruising". "Career Cruising" provides students with individualized support to assist them with completing and updating his/her ACP, and provides opportunities for self-exploration, career exploration, and career planning. The ACP will be incorporated as an integral part of the overall college and career

readiness plan by training staff in the ACP implementation and delivery model. Please visit the district's website to find out how to access this program, where you will also find contact information for your student's individual adviser.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE (Policy 431). The Board of Education recognizes the positive relationship between regular school attendance and success in school and employment. If student learning and growth are to take place, parents/guardians, students, and school personnel must recognize their responsibilities to assure regular attendance. Regular school attendance is expected of all students. State law requires every student between six and 18 years of age to be in school attendance unless he/she: 1) is excused temporarily for physical or mental reasons, or other reasons defined by the Board; 2) has been excused by his/her parent/guardian prior to an absence in accordance with state law; 3) has graduated; or 4) has been authorized to attend an alternative educational program.

It is the responsibility of any person having under his/her control such a student to ensure regular attendance during the full period and hours that school is in session until the end of the quarter or semester of the school year in which the student become 18 years of age. Procedures shall be developed by the administration to enhance the full attendance requirement and to determine appropriate action to serve as a deterrent to truancy. These procedures shall be in accordance with state law and the District's truancy plan and shall be approved by the Board. The District shall not deny student credit in a course or subject solely because of a student's unexcused absence.

PROGRAM OR CURRICULUM MODIFICATIONS, School districts are required by section 118.15(1)(f) of the state statutes to notify students and their parents/guardians of the following at the beginning of the school year: (1) their right to request the school board to provide the student with program or curriculum modifications as outlined in section 118.15(1)(d) of the state statutes; and (2) the decision-making process used in responding to such requests under sections 118.15(1)(dm) and (e) of the state statutes. Please contact your child's building principal if you would like more information or to make a request for modifications.

<u>USE OR POSSESSION OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES (Policy 443.5)</u>. The School District of Pittsville may prohibit pupils from using or possessing electronic communication devices such as cell phones while on premises owned, rented, or under control of the School District. This policy may allow for the use or possession of such a device by a pupil when the Principal determines that the device may be used or possessed for medical, school, educational, vocational, or other legitimate use. Annually, each student in the Pittsville School District shall be informed of this Board of Education policy. Electronic communication devices such as cell phones will be confiscated if the device is being used in a manner that is contrary to the Student Handbook guidelines. Laser beam pens or similar devices are also prohibited.

STUDENT BULLYING (Policy 411.1). Harassment and/or bullying of students will not be tolerated in the Pittsville School District, which includes any property or vehicles owned, leased, or used by the schools. The School Board considers these actions to be detrimental to the health and safety of students, and disruptive to the educational environment.

The educational environment is defined as consisting of every activity under the supervision of each school. For purposes of this policy, harassment and /or bullying are defined as any conscious, willful, or deliberate act or attempted act, through the use of words or actions, which are intended to cause physical injury, emotional distress/suffering or property damage or which impact the learning environment.

Harassment and/or bullying could include acts motivated by, but not limited to, hostility toward the victim's real or perceived sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, social, socio-economic or family status, physical attributes, disability/handicap, or any other basis protected by state or federal law. Examples of acts of harassment and/or bullying include physical intimidation, force or assault, humiliation, bigoted epithets, vandalism, extortion, oral or written threats, taunting, put downs, name calling, threatening looks or gestures, false accusations, social isolation, retaliating against another student for reporting harassment or bullying, or any other behavior that substantially interferes with a student's school performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive school environment. Sexual harassment is a form of harassment and consists of unwelcome sexual advances, unwelcome requests for sexual favors, unwelcome physical contact of a sexual nature, or unwelcome verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment may involve the behavior of a person of either gender against a person of the same or opposite gender.

All forms of harassment in cyberspace commonly referred to as cyberbullying is unacceptable and viewed as a violation of this policy. Cyberbullying includes but is not limited to the following misuses of technology: harassment, teasing, intimidating, threatening, terrorizing another person or group of people by sending or posting inappropriate and hurtful e-mail messages, instant messages, digital pictures or images, or website postings, including blogs or any other messages via cyberspace. For purposes of this policy, "cyberspace" is defined as a global domain within the information environment consisting of the interdependent network of information technology infrastructures, including the Internet, telecommunications networks, computer systems, and embedded processors and controllers.

In situations in which Cyberbullying originated off school property or from a non-school computer or telecommunication device, but is brought to the attention of school officials, any disciplinary action shall be based upon whether the conduct is determined to be severely disruptive of the educational process so that it markedly impedes the day to day operations of a school. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, harassment, bullying or making a threat off school grounds through cyberspace that is intended to endanger the health safety, or property of others at school, a District employee, or a school board member.

Any student who believes he/she has been subject to harassment and/or bullying may file a complaint in accordance with established complaint procedures or may complain directly to the building principal or designee. If the alleged harasser/bully is the person to whom the complaint would normally be made, the complaint should be made to the next higher administrative authority in the complaint procedure. Filing a complaint or otherwise reporting harassment and/or bullying in good faith will not reflect upon the individual's status nor will it affect his/her grades or benefits provided by the District. The District shall respect the confidentiality of both the complainant and the accused consistent with the District's legal obligations and with the necessity to investigate allegations of misconduct and to take corrective and/or disciplinary action when the conduct has occurred.

Any student or parent/guardian, or third party who becomes aware of or witnesses harassment and/or bullying has an obligation to report and will be supported by involved staff members in reporting the bullying/harassment to the proper authorities. Any District employee who becomes aware of or witnesses harassment and/or bullying has an obligation to intervene and report.

Students who engage in harassment and/or bullying in violation of this policy and/or retaliating against an individual for reporting harassment and/or bullying shall be subject to school disciplinary measures consistent with District policies and procedures up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.

The Building Principal will develop administrative rules to implement this policy in their buildings.

The District encourages students, staff, teachers, administrators, as well as third parties, to promptly report incidents of discrimination or harassment to a teacher, supervisor, administrator, or other District employee or official so that the District may address the conduct before it becomes severe, pervasive, or persistent. Any teacher, supervisor, administrator, or other District employee or official who receives such a complaint shall file it with the District's designated Compliance Officer.

The following individual is designated to serve as the District's Compliance Officer: Matthew Sherwood, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services/Title IX Coordinator, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 2, Pittsville, WI 54466, 715-884-2517 Ext. 255, sherwood, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services/Title IX Coordinator, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 2, Pittsville, WI 54466, 715-884-2517 Ext. 255, sherwood, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services/Title IX Coordinator, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 2, Pittsville, WI 54466, 715-884-2517 Ext. 255, sherwood, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services/Title IX Coordinator, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 2, Pittsville, WI 54466, 715-884-2517 Ext. 255, sherwood, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services/Title IX Coordinator, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 2, Pittsville, WI 54466, 715-884-2517 Ext. 255, sherwood, Sherwood, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services/Title IX Coordinator, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 2, Pittsville, WI 54466, 715-884-2517 Ext. 255, sherwood, Sherwood, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services/Title IX Coordinator, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 2, Pittsville, WI 54466, 715-884-2517 Ext. 255, sherwood, Sherwood, Sherwood, Pittsville, WI 54466, 715-884-2517 Ext. 255, sherwood, Sherwood, Sh

STUDENT LOCKER SEARCHES (Policy 446.1). School lockers are the property of the School District of Pittsville. At no time does the School District of Pittsville relinquish its exclusive control of these lockers. These lockers are assigned to individual students as a convenient receptacle for storage of clothing, books, and other articles necessary for the student's use during the school day and shall not be used for any other purpose. Periodic general inspection of lockers may be conducted by school authorities for any reason at any time, without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant. No padlocks other than those issued by the school may be used on school lockers. The school authorities will maintain a pass key for these padlocks. All school lockers and the contents within may be searched by school authorities for weapons, drugs, other contraband or any item that may place any student, employee, or anyone else on the school premise in danger. School authorities may seize any and all items which are dangerous and/or illegal and any other items not authorized to be in the locker.

EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM (Policy 343.46). High school students who meet the eligibility requirements defined in applicable statutes, regulations, and District policies, and who submit timely and complete applications and notices, may be permitted to enroll in one or more program-eligible courses at an institution of higher education through the Early College Credit Program. The High School Principal or an administrative-level designee shall be responsible for (1) ensuring that the District appropriately processes requests/applications related to the Early College Credit Program; and (2) determining whether the District will approve individual applications and pay for specific courses based on the criteria established in state law, any applicable state regulations, and applicable District policies and procedures.

The authority of the program administrator(s) includes, but is not limited to, the authority to make or approve the following determinations on behalf of the District:

- 1. Whether a student meets the minimum eligibility criteria established in state law:
- 2. Whether a proposed course is comparable to a course already offered in the District;
- 3. Whether the proposed course and any resulting credit meets any of the District's high school graduation requirements; and
- 4. Whether the student will be eligible to receive high school credit for the successful completion of a proposed course, and, if so, the amount of high school credit.

In making such determinations, the authorized program administrator(s) shall evaluate a postsecondary course under the applicable legal standards and, to the extent applicable to determinations of high school credit, using the same methods and criteria as are used to evaluate District courses that may be offered for high school credit. The District Administrator is responsible for monitoring such determinations on a District-wide basis to ensure that similarly-situated courses are being processed with a reasonable degree of uniformity.

If a student who intends to take a course through the Early College Credit Program disagrees with a District decision regarding comparability of courses, satisfaction of high school graduation requirements, or the number of high school credits to be awarded for a course (if any), the student may appeal the District's decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction within 30 days after the decision.

STUDENT RECORDS (Policy 347). The Pittsville School District maintains student records for each student attending school in the District. These records include: (1) student progress records – courses taken, grades, immunization records, extracurricular activities and attendance; and, (2) student behavioral records – psychological tests, personality evaluations, records of conversations, records relating specifically to an individual student's behavior, tests relating specifically to achievement or measurement of ability, physical health records other than immunization records, law enforcement agency records obtained by the District, and any other student records which are not progress records.

State and federal laws require that the maintenance of student records assure confidentiality. The District has also adopted a student records policy and procedures (Policy 347). This notice is subject to state and federal laws and the District's policy and procedures. Accordingly, the following shall apply in the District:

- 1. An adult student, or the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a minor student, has the right to inspect, review and obtain copies of the student's school records upon request in accordance with established District procedures. The District will respond to such requests without unnecessary delay. Copies of the District's student records procedures are available upon request at the School District Office.
- 2. An adult student, or the parent(s) or guardian of a minor student, has the right to request the amendment of the student's school records if he/she believes the records are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. Complaints regarding the content of student records may be made in accordance with established District procedures. Copies of the District's procedures are available upon request as outlined above.
- 3. An adult student, or the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a minor student, has the right to consent to the disclosure of information contained in the student's school records, except to the extent that state and federal laws authorize disclosure without consent. One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials determined to have legitimate educational or safety interests in the records. A "school official" is a person employed by the District who is required by the Department of Public Instruction to hold a license; a law enforcement officer(s) who is individually designated by the School Board and assigned to the District; a person employed by or working on behalf of the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and police-school liaison personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a specific task (such as an attorney, hearing officer, auditor, medical consultant or therapist); or a person serving on an official committee such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his/her tasks. A school official has a "legitimate educational interest" if the official needs to review a student record in order to fulfill his/her professional or District responsibility. The District also, upon request, forwards a student's records to another school without consent in accordance with state law for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer. District procedures outline the specific reasons for disclosure without consent and are available upon request as outlined above.
- 4. An adult student, or the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a minor student, has the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education for alleged District noncompliance with federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requirements. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-5920.

RECRUITER ACCESS TO STUDENTS/RECORDS (Policy 347.1). In accordance with the District's designation and written notice of student directory data, the District may disclose a student's directory data to any person unless the student's parent or guardian (or adult student, if applicable) has notified the District, in writing, that any or all of the student's directory data shall not be disclosed. If an appropriate party exercises a valid opt out under this policy, then the District shall not disclose the directory data covered by the opt-out decision unless (1) an appropriate party provides advance written consent for the disclosure; or (2) the District determines that there is a separate and otherwise applicable exception to the confidentiality of the records that permits or requires such disclosure. Upon a student's initial enrollment and registration in the District, upon re-enrollment following a gap in enrollment, and upon each continuing student's initial transition into high school, the student's parent or guardian (or adult student, if applicable) shall be provided with a copy of the District's directory data notice and shall have 14 days to inform the school, in writing, that all or any part of the student's directory data may not be released without prior consent. During such 14 day periods, the District will avoid the release of the student's directory data under this policy.

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE INFORMATION. Meningococcal disease can be misdiagnosed as something less serious, because early symptoms like high fever, severe headache, nausea, vomiting and stiff neck, are similar to those of common viral illnesses. The disease can progress rapidly and can cause death or permanent disability within 48 hours of initial symptoms. Meningococcal disease is spread through direct contact with respiratory and/or oral secretions from infected persons (for example,

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kissing or sharing drinking containers). It can develop and spread quickly throughout the body, so early diagnosis and treatment are very important. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other leading medical organizations recommend routine meningococcal immunization for adolescents during the preadolescent doctor's visit (11 to 12 year olds), adolescents at high school entry (15 year olds) if they have not previously been immunized, and for college freshmen living in dormitories. To learn more about meningococcal disease, vaccine information, and public health resources visit the following website: www.cdc.gov. The CDC website includes the CDC recommendations and information on the meningococcal vaccine.

CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY INFORMATION. School districts are required by section 118.293 of the state statutes to distribute a concussion and head injury information sheet to (1) each person who will be coaching a youth athletic activity and (2) each student who wishes to participate in the activity at the beginning of a youth athletic activity season, except as otherwise specifically provided. No person may participate in youth athletic activity unless the person returns the concussion and head injury information sheet signed by the athlete and, if he/she is under the age of 19, by his/her parent/guardian. If a student has already returned an appropriately signed information sheet to a school in connection with a youth athletic activity operated by the school during a given school year, the school is not required to distribute any additional concussion and head injury information sheet(s) to the same student in connection with the student's participation in any additional youth athletic activity that is operated by the school during that school year. Concussion Fact Sheets and the Parent/Athlete Agreement can be found on the district's website at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us.

NOTICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES. According to section 115.365 of the state statutes, each school board must annually inform their professional staff of the resources available from the DPI and other sources regarding suicide prevention. Information describing the suicide prevention resources and services and how staff can access them, along with model notices, are available at https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/mental-health/youth-suicide-prevention/resources.

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS AND FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL INFORMATION. The "National School Lunch Program" notice informing parents of the child nutrition programs offered in the Pittsville School District and eligibility requirements for free/reduced price meals, along with the application form, are sent to each parent at the beginning of the school year. If you have not received this information, please contact your school's office.

MEAL CHARGE POLICY NOTIFICATION (Policy 763-Rule). The School District of Pittsville utilizes a computer software program to keep track of family accounts. As the student purchases meals and/or milk, an offsetting charge for that meal will be made against their family account. Since this system depends on paying for meals in advance, families must keep a positive balance in their account. Accounts below \$25.00 will be notified weekly using email and the SchoolMessenger alert system. If an account gets below zero, a notice will be sent out stating if the amount due is not paid in five (5) working days, the student will no longer be able to participate in the breakfast and/or lunch program. When sufficient money has been added to the account, student(s) can once again participate in the school's breakfast/lunch programs.

Applications for Free and Reduced Priced Meals are available in the office throughout the school year and on the district website. All students are issued a Student Identification Number. This number is entered through a key pad at the beginning of the lunch line. Since it is impossible to keep the number confidential, a food service representative will monitor the process to insure students are using the correct numbers. Prepayment of at least one week per child is recommended. You may send in any amount, whether it is daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. Checks should be made payable to the "School District of Pittsville". Your canceled check is your receipt. If paying by cash, be sure to place the cash in a sealed envelope with the student's name and the amount enclosed. Money received after 9:00 a.m. will be applied to the next day's food service. If you are paying by cash and want a receipt, be sure to request one on or inside the envelope. You may also mail your payment to the School District of Pittsville, ATTN: Food Services, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 1, Pittsville, WI 54466. If you prefer, online payments can be made at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us; a \$2.50 per transaction fee will be charged at the time of online payment. Checks returned to the School District as "NSF" or non-sufficient funds will be subject to a service charge of \$28.50. The family account will have the total of those amounts deducted from the balance. At the end of the year, if a family no longer has children attending school or if a family moves out of the district, the family must request reimbursement of any balance in the family account and indicate where it should be sent. Funds for families with students continuing the following year will remain in the family account for the next school year.

If you have any questions regarding the Food Service Program, please contact the Food Services Department at 715-884-2517.

SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY NOTIFICATION (Policy 458). Pittsville School District promotes health schools by supporting wellness, good nutrition, and regular physical activity as part of the total learning environment. District policy encourages all members of the school community to create an environment that supports lifelong healthy habits. The School Wellness Policy (Policy 458) is available on the district's web site. The DPI School Nutrition Team has developed a Wisconsin Local Wellness Policy Report Card, which is required to be used by all Wisconsin school districts to fulfill the triennial assessment and reporting requirements. The first triennial assessment was required to be completed by June 30, 2020, however, the USDA recently issued a nationwide waiver of local school wellness policy triennial assessment to support districts unable to complete a triennial assessment by that date because of school closures due to COVID-19. The School District of Pittsville opted to use this waiver. The new first triennial assessment deadline will be June 30, 2021.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION. In compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), this is notice that the Pittsville School District has an Asbestos Management Plan at the school district office. The plan is available for inspection by the public, parents, and district employees. The district performs six month periodic surveillance of asbestos in March and September and full re-inspections every three years. For more information please contact the district office.

WI ACT 96 INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN. The Pittsville School District would like to inform staff, students, parents and the public of the district's Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Management Plan. The plan was initially developed in 2012 and is reviewed as necessary. The plan was developed as deemed appropriate for the district. Questions and concerns should be directed to the IEQ Coordinator. Copies of the plan are available at the district office for a fee. The district office is located at 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 2, Pittsville, WI 54466.

Click <u>www.pittsville.k12.wi.us/Athletics</u> for the most current sports schedules!

We will be happy to provide you with a hard copy of our District Newsletter either by stopping in the district office or it can be mailed upon request by calling 715-884-6694. To view the newsletter online, please visit our website at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us.

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