

Dear North Allegheny Family,

On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, the North Allegheny School District School Board voted to accept the District Administration's recommended plan to redistrict the Elementary and Middle Schools for the 2020-2021 school year. You are being notified because this redistricting plan will change your child's school for the 2020-2021 school year. **{{Student Name}}** will attend **{{New School}}** beginning in September 2020.

We recognize that change can be difficult and that moving to a new school can be an emotional process. The District has created a detailed transition plan to assist students and families in understanding the process and preparing for a move to a new school. This detailed plan will be shared with the public at a special presentation on **Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the North Allegheny Senior High School auditorium**. During this presentation, the timeline and activities for both the students and their parents/guardians will be discussed. Additionally, the transition timeline will be posted on the North Allegheny School District's website the day following the meeting.

We would also like to direct you to the [redistricting webpage on the NA website](#). On this webpage, you will find transition tips designed to assist parents/guardians in having conversations with their children and preparing them for this change in schools at the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Additionally, School Counselors are available to assist students and can be contacted by calling the *main office of your child's current school*.

The staff at both your child's current school and new school are dedicated to making this transition as smooth as possible. North Allegheny looks forward to working with students and their families to help them successfully transition into their new school for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

#### **CONTINUATION OPTION FOR CURRENT FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS**

Students who are currently in fourth grade have the option to remain at their current elementary school for the 2020-2021 school year. If families elect this option, the family is responsible for transporting the student to and from school for the entire school year.

#### **HOW TO SELECT THE CONTINUATION OPTION FOR YOUR FOURTH GRADE STUDENT**

Whether you elect for your child to continue at their current school next year or for your child to attend their redistricted school, we ask that all families of fourth grade students complete the form either way. If you do not complete this form, your fourth grade student will automatically be assigned to attend their new school as listed in this email.

#### ***FOURTH GRADE FAMILIES ONLY***

***[Click here to select your student's option for the 2020-2021 school year.](#) Please note, if your student is not currently in fourth grade, you do not need to fill out this form.***

## **OTHER TRANSITION ACTIVITIES**

*EARLY MARCH:* Principals and counselors from all impacted buildings will convene to discuss further transition activities for the students who are moving to a new building. They will conduct activities at students' current buildings in order to get to know the students and also present students with a gift from their new school.

*LATE MARCH:* Pen pal projects will be initiated between students being redistricted and future peers at their new school in order to establish relationships and form friendships prior to the transition.

*APRIL:* Principals and counselors will visit students' current schools to meet with students who will be redistricted.

*SPRING:* Parents/guardians will be invited to attend PTA/PFA events and/or other school events at their new school (concerts, art shows, etc.).

*MAY:* Students will participate in a Move-Over Day to visit and tour their new school.

*AUGUST:* Teacher assignments will be sent to families and new student orientations will be held.

North Allegheny continues to be committed to approaching redistricting in a manner that is supportive of all involved. Please continue to pay close attention to your email for further communications regarding redistricting. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we move forward with plans to accommodate our rapidly growing and flourishing community.

Respectfully,

North Allegheny School District