

Insight PA Community-

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the last few weeks of summer. The team here at Insight PA has been busy planning for the school year, and preparing for our students' return to school. We know this summer has been different for everyone as we continue to learn how to live and manage our lives during a pandemic. Insight PA strives to provide an engaging and effective learning experience for students in many communities throughout the Commonwealth of PA. We are proud to have a model of instruction that can provide support for communities throughout the state, particularly during this pandemic. Many families are learning more about public cyber charter schools as they investigate and learn about alternative options to face to face learning due concerns with the spread of COVID-19. For this reason, Insight PA has increased enrollment at higher than expected levels this summer. This increase in enrollment has required the school to also increase our team, so we have been working diligently to hire staff to meet the growing enrollment.

Our goal is to ensure we deliver on the promised Insight PA student experience for all of our new and returning students. Therefore, we have decided to update the 2020-2021 school calendar to ensure our newly hired staff are trained, and ready to work with our students on day 1. **On August 19, 2020 the Insight PA Cyber Charter School Board of Trustees approved changes to the 2020-2021 School Calendar. The first day of school will now be Tuesday, September 8, 2020.** As a result of this change to the first day of school four days need to be added to the school calendar. Please see the updated, board approved school calendar. Please see the outline below that highlights the changes to school calendar.

First Day of School- **Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020 (previously Aug. 31)**

Fall Break- Oct. 5, 2020 (previously Oct. 5-6)

Teacher In-Service- November 6, 2020 (previously Nov. 5-6)

Teacher In-Service- March 1, 2021 (previously March 1-2)

Spring Break- April 2-6 (previously April 1-6)

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the updated calendar. Our number one guiding principle at Insight PA is **students first**. We believe this decision to push back the start of the school year is consistent with that guiding principle as we work to ensure our staff is ready to support all of the students, new and returning, to Insight PA.

Thank you, and we hope you and your families have a safe, and enjoyable last few weeks of summer. We are looking forward to beginning the 2020-2021 school year with all of you on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020.**

Warm Regards,

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