



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Superintendent's Note

Please let me introduce myself, I'm John Graziano. Most students call me Dr. G. I am honored to serve as your Interim Superintendent of Schools.

My first impression of Pittsfield is very positive. I see families walking, riding bikes, and going fishing. I see students engaged in their learning supported by teachers, staff, administrators, and School Board Members who care about them. I see a community that is active and involved.

I was born in Brockton, Massachusetts. I grew up in the small town of Holbrook which had 3 schools. I came from a large family. My sister had Down's Syndrome. She graduated from high school and held a job for 30 years. My sister was my hero and inspiration. My kids are educators!

Twenty-five years of my life has been spent living in New Hampshire, working in small, rural communities serving as a teacher, coach, school psychologist, principal, and Superintendent of Schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve students and community in Pittsfield. I am happy to be here!

Dr. John Graziano

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Pittsfield School District

IMPORTANT DATES

School Board Meeting
PMHS Media Center
October 1, 2020 5:30 PM

End of Segment #1
PES/PMHS
October 8, 2020

No School: Teacher Workshop Day
PES/PMHS
October 9, 2020

No School: Columbus Day
PES/PMHS
October 12, 2020

PES School Picture Day – B Students
PES
October 13, 2020

School Day SAT
PMHS
October 14, 2020

PES School Picture Day – A Students
PES
October 15, 2020

School Board Meeting
PMHS Media Center
October 15, 5:30 PM

PMHS School Picture Retake Day
PMHS
October 19, 2020

The district calendar is available at:
www.pittsfieldnhschools.org

Meet Mr. Ramos

Ariel Ramos is from Chiquinquirá, Colombia and grew up in the capital of Bogotá. He graduated from la Universidad Pedagógica Nacional with a Bachelors in Foreign Language Education with a specialization in English, Spanish and French. In 2019, he graduated with a Master's degree in Hispanic Studies from the University of Kentucky where he also taught Spanish. Ariel recently moved to New Hampshire where he taught Spanish as an adjunct professor at the University of New Hampshire. When he is not teaching, Mr. Ramos enjoys the outdoors especially hiking, camping and fishing. He also loves traveling and learning new languages and cultures. He is looking forward to teaching Spanish language and culture as well as working with students and staff at Pittsfield Middle High School as the new World Language teacher.

Special Education Update

Governor Sununu issued an executive order (#48) that directed schools to hold a meeting for all students that receive special education this fall. Our special education teachers will assume that you would like to have this meeting unless you have told us to postpone or decline the meeting.

The goal of this meeting is to review how remote learning went for your student this past spring, and if they were able to receive the services as stated in the IEP. If they did not, we will determine a plan for moving forward this school year to make sure they make adequate progress and get the services they need to succeed.

If you would like a meeting and haven't had one scheduled yet or if you ever have any questions about your student's IEP or the special education process, please feel free to contact your student's case manager or myself, the Director of Student Services at jbickford@pittsfieldnhschools.org or 603-435-6701, ex: 1111.

Jessica Bickford

Director of Student Services

Pittsfield School District

HEALTH SERVICES CORNER

Health Screenings

A friendly reminder to families to continue assessing their child(ren) before sending them to school. Any student who is sick or not feeling well is advised to stay home. Symptoms to look for include fever, respiratory symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, or cough) and muscle aches or chills.

Health & Hygiene Practice

Families are encouraged to practice proper hand washing procedures and/or using an alcohol based hand sanitizer.

Masks

All students (PK-12) attending hybrid learning have a variety of face coverings available to them at school including disposable masks, reusable masks, and a variety of face shields.