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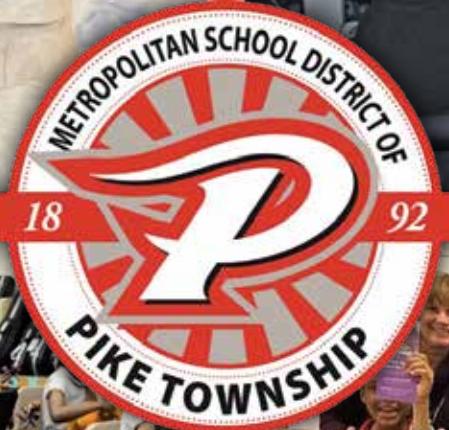
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Our Pillars of Engagement
with Pike Township



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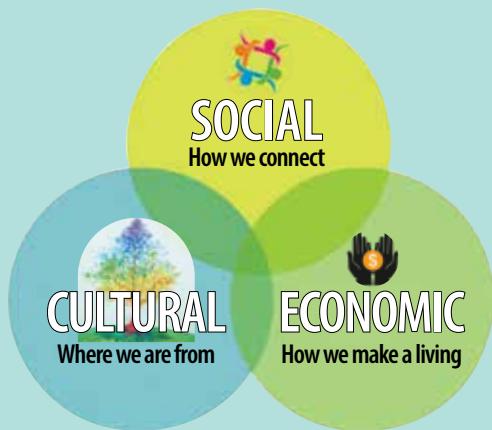
In Pike Township we have an incredible school community that is fully invested in our mission to “cultivate a diverse, innovative learning environment by opening doors of opportunity for students to achieve their maximum potential”. This investment can be seen through a variety of local partnerships, the academic initiatives and experiences, and a staff that works diligently to provide a world-class education.

Pike High School’s 93% graduation rate and IDOE recognition as an “A” school makes us #PikeProud of our accomplishments.

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Pike Pulse

Our mission is to help build a stronger sense of community by keeping our fingers on the pulse of Pike Township and publishing positive, upbeat, and relevant news.

Pike Pulse is the only free newspaper in Pike Township that is delivered by the US Postal Service twice a month to every residential and business address.



Pike Pulse Pillars of Engagement

I. Cultural Pillar — where we are from

- Stories about Pike residents
- Stories celebrating our diverse cultures
- Stories highlighting opportunities

II. Social Pillar — how we connect

- Spotlight groups and organizations
- Communicate celebrations for Veterans
- Information about our religious diversity
- Neighborhood Associations news
- Health updates
- Art exhibits and performances
- Youth and adult athletic updates
- Academic celebrations

III. Economic Pillar — how we make a living

- Commercial development
- Business-to-Business communications
- Business-to-Consumer communications
- Pike job openings
- Legislative and township development
- Community development
- Pike Business Park news

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Cultural, Social, and Economic -- These are the Pillars of Engagement for *Pike Pulse*.

Individually and collectively, we are all from somewhere. We connect with people around our passions, beliefs, and histories. We do something to earn a living. **Pike Pulse** is built to help bridge those pillars, and its intended consequence is to strengthen the Pike Township Community.

As defined by Cambridge Dictionary, the word community means “the people living in one particular area or people who are considered as a unit because of their common interests, social group or nationality.” Our pillars were created as a direct representation of community. In order to accomplish our mission -- to help strengthen our community -- we need to hear from you.

After mailing you our introductory post card, and the first two issues, we are hearing from businesses that want to support Pike causes and how they'd like to work with us to promote their services to Pike residents and other businesses. We're hearing from cause ambassadors about how they need support from businesses, how they want to add more volunteers and broaden their opportunities to make a difference for their cause. And we're hearing from Pike residents about how pleased they are to have a newspaper focused on strengthening and supporting Pike Township. We are thrilled to hear this feedback, and we believe the **Pike Pulse** can be a positive conduit to enhancing community. Without you, that's not possible.

Together, we can strengthen the bond of community, and together, we can accomplish much more than we can divided or individually. I believe we have a real opportunity to enhance Pike Township, and I believe the establishment of the **Pike Pulse** is a big step in the right direction. As the Director of Development, my role is to build bridges that financially support this endeavor, and I hope you'll reach out to engage through one, two or all of our pillars. In Pike, I've met many business leaders, neighbors, and cause ambassadors, and I've seen how powerful it can be when people, organizations, and businesses come together.

If you are part of an organization that supports a social cause, we want to know about it!

If you're a business looking to engage the community, let's schedule a meeting!

If you're an individual looking to make a positive impact on Pike, tell us your story!



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- Builds businesses, and
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You've Earned It Campaign, but Wear a Mask

Above all else, we encourage people to wear a face covering when out in public.

Mayor Joe Hogsett:

If we value things that make Indianapolis unique, like Mass Ave, like Newfields, like Eagle Creek Park, like our music venues, then we must also realize the reason those places are so special isn't just because of where they are, but because of what they represent. That's why, today, I am proud to join local business owners as well as representatives from Visit Indy, Downtown Indy, the Indy Chamber, and the Arts Council, to invite residents throughout Indiana back to our capital city.

At this time of year, hotels in Indianapolis are normally enjoying 70% occupancy. Right now, I'm told we are averaging 7%. Visit Indy estimates more than 50% of our tourism workforce is now unemployed. That's more than 40,000 households who are aching. To roll out the checkered carpet, I'm joined today by City-County Council President, Vop Osili, and Visit Indy President, Larry Hoops, to announce that we are launching a \$1,000,000 regional and statewide marketing campaign to ensure every resident of Indiana knows Indianapolis is back open for business.

Utilizing Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds in partnership with Visit Indy, this campaign is called **You've Earned It**.

You've Earned It will run from now until Labor Day, and will encourage visitors to take advantage of our reopened economy. So, when you turn on the radio, flip on your television, visit YouTube, the city will be delivering a message that assures Hoosiers of one thing primarily: **The cultural, the culinary, and the live music capital of Indiana is open and here for you.**



Visit Indy Pres. and CEO Leonard Hoops:

These times are certainly not our business-as-usual standards of living. We're at Stage 4, but I believe we can embrace Stage 4. In Stage 4, you can enjoy the cultural assets, the restaurants, the visitor experiences we've offered in the past, by being smart, by wearing your mask, by socially distancing.

As we well know from research studies — a number of different studies — we have been looking at what people are thinking about doing over the next couple of months. There is a huge amount of pent-up demand to enjoy Indianapolis cultural experiences and restaurants and to travel in Indiana. We're very close to bringing people — Hoosiers — from all over the state back to central Indiana, raising our hotel occupancy. For every hotel room night's stay, we will have \$500 or more in visitor spending in our city. \$1 million in COVID relief funds from the **You Have Earned It** campaign will have a massive impact — an impact far greater than \$1 million would have if being reinvested in some other way.

So, thank you again to the Mayor's office and the City-County Councilors for initiating this campaign. Again, check out **You Have Earned It**. Visit indy.gov/youhaveearnedit. Hotels are offering up to 50% off their published rates if you've got an Indiana address. That's an offer we hope you take advantage of if you come to town.



City/County Council President Vop Osili:

Put that mask on, step outside, and let's care for each other.

I'm sure over the past few months it's beginning to feel like one individual, or one family can't make a difference in the fight against either the COVID-19 or racial inequity. But the truth is, you have the power to strike a blow against both by: 1. Putting on a mask, and 2. Visiting our Black and Brown-owned businesses.

Many, if not most, of our city's local businesses have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic. And so, today, I encourage you to head online to indy.gov/masks to get free face coverings for yourself and your family, and then head outside to support our Black and Brown businesses. Let's lead our state, and our nation, through our unbreakable example.

Melissa's Story

Editor's note: Our Staff Writer, Arnita Williams, was asked to find individuals who have struggled to work through COVID-19 challenges. Here's what she found:

Arnita wrote: After losing the job she had for almost two decades, Melissa Giles reached-out to me via post-card, explaining her plight, making every attempt to maintain normalcy as she "kicked into gear" with her encore career, with a vision, planning, a bit of resilience and determination, while trying to keep her livelihood intact. Melissa shares how she was able to make a seamless transition into another career. Although the pandemic caught everyone off-guard, Melissa was able to put "Plan B" into action without a second thought.

Arnita: Tell me about what is happening in your professional life.

Melissa: After working full-time with a company for 18 ½ years, the pandemic caused me to be



Arnita Williams



Melissa Giles

laid-off permanently. I decided to do something different, so I went into the real estate business. One of the things I had to contend with after working in a company for such a long time, was my schedule of activities with those around me that had been set in stone. When I went to work for myself, I had to come to grips with creating my own schedule and figuring out how I would structure my day. Plus, I had to figure out what I wanted my real estate business to look like. It was a challenge.

One of the things that was important to me was to begin by reaching out to my neighbors, friends, and family to let them know what I was doing. I wanted to find out how I could help them, first and foremost, not only in the real estate realm, but in a general business realm. I believe when we help each other and ask questions of each other, we find out how we can be of service.

Maybe not someone who already has a house on the

market, but maybe someone who is a first-time home buyer. They may just have questions about how the process works. Maybe it's someone who lives in an apartment, and they want to know how to become a homeowner. So, I look at myself not as only a person who helps with listing homes and helping buyers find homes, I want to be a resource to anyone who has questions in that area.

Arnita: How has COVID-19 affected your new business?

Melissa: It was a challenge to start this business under coronavirus limitations! Luckily, I had the resources to set up virtual Zoom meetings, and I learned how to do virtual open houses.

It also gave me an opportunity to figure out how to market in this challenging situation.

Before COVID-19 I would have planned open houses on weekends with face-to-face meetings. I had to figure out how I was going to meet the challenge of not being able to do that. And that's what I've

done. I've had a lot of Zoom meetings. And Zoom gave me an opportunity to interact with other agents virtually, so that they could continue to teach me, as well. I have learned from experienced agents who have guided me through various situations.

Arnita: Okay. Since your business is contingent on home sales, how has the response and support been from your neighbors, not only in Pike Township, but in the area, in general? Do you offer services outside of the township, outside of Indiana, and nationwide?

Melissa: Well, the response has been good. We have a very strong housing market, although it doesn't seem like it because of coronavirus. People support what I'm doing after I reached out to them and let them know I'm available for them. I feel that as this COVID crisis abates, I have to seek more activity, more communication, whether it's about buying or selling a home.

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Pike Township Residents Association

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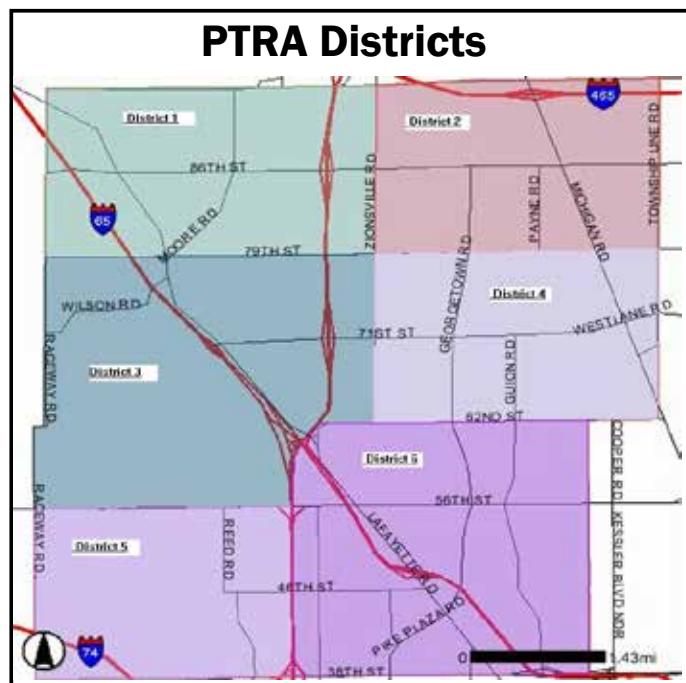


The Pike Township Residents Association, Inc. (PTRA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1972 that provides a forum for Pike Township neighbors to discuss regional and local neighborhood concerns such as land use, development, parks and recreation, transportation, schools, drainage and sewage problems, water supply, area beautification, etc. PTRA serves

as an umbrella organization for local neighborhood associations as well as serving the needs of individual residents and businesses. PTRA meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Pike Township Government Center (5665 Lafayette Road) and this meeting is open to the public. Check the website (ptranet.net) for meeting updates.

Neighborhoods in Pike Township

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| 1. College Park Estates | 7. Saddlebrook |
| 2. Crooked Creek Heights West | 8. The Village at Eagle Creek |
| 3. Historic Traders Point | 9. Twin Creeks |
| 4. Huntington Communities | 10. West 86th Street |
| 5. Liberty Creek South | 11. Wildwood Townhomes |
| 6. Normandy Farms | |



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DIVERSITY PRESS

This Company Fights to Stay Open Through the Pandemic. Here's why:

Darrell Johnson is the president of Diversity Press, a full-service brand management, print communications company, with beginning-to-end solutions from apparel print to promotional items. A certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), the printing company, which is located on the southern border of Pike Township, keeps the presses rolling during the pandemic. However, Darrell had to slow his print operation to "think outside the box" to pivot and focus to both keep his employees on the job and keep them safe, not only for Diversity Press, but for other companies, as well.



Darrell Johnson, President of Diversity Press

How did you pivot your company?

We formed a leadership/ownership group to discuss ways to stay relevant and maintain normalcy during COVID-19. The team assembled personal back-to-work kits, which include a mask and hand sanitizer, specifically for individual, pocket-size use. Although work hours were cut, we focused on continuing to serve the needs of our customers, and we were able to keep all

123 employees on the job.

As the company continued to brainstorm ways to protect and serve its customers, we also came-up with the "contact-less" door opener which can be attached to a key chain. The device can be used as a keypad-entry device instead of using your fingers to punch-in key codes. It is an effective way to minimize the transmission of infection. This device is not a Diversity Press invention, but the unique thing about the device (and each of the company's safety products) is the capability to personalize its products with a customer's company logo.

You mentioned that three of you combined your skill sets, merged and became a one-stop, full-service printing company. You also shared that you've been business 14 years, but in the partnership six years.

So, how did you get into the printing business?

While playing semi-pro basketball overseas, I hurt my knee. I played a position that was based more on size. Although, I'm 6'2½", that's not gigantic in basketball, and I played a position where I needed all my leaping ability, explosion and quickness. Once I hurt my knee, my basketball career was over. So, at 24, I had to redefine myself. My education in college was in teaching with a minor in English. However, when I did my student teaching at Arlington High School, it was a different culture. The students and I would listen to the same music. I just felt it was a conflict. I just went back to working in print, and it just took-off from there."

Why printing? What piqued your interest in printing?

When I was playing basketball overseas in Istanbul, Turkey, to supplement my income, I would work different jobs — whatever



Contact-less Door Opener



Diversity Press

job was available during the summertime.

Playing semi-pro ball didn't pay very much, so most of us on the team worked other jobs to supplement our income during the off-season because you play basketball only four or five months out of the year.

One of the jobs just happened to be at a printing company. I got into the print business, almost by accident. Maybe I shouldn't say "by accident," because God always has a plan, and I just loved it. So, what came natural and easy for me, was hard for other people. I just thought it was a natural fit. Since I was mechanically inclined, and since there are a lot of mechanical things that go on in the print world, it worked.

I started running the machinery and the presses and different things. In that, you must be a quick learner, be mechanically inclined and have an engineering-type mindset. It was a natural transition into sales. Then from sales, I went into ownership.

Why do you fight to stay open, especially during COVID-19?

I want to keep our employees on the job and maintain normalcy. And I fight to stay open because I want our black African-American youth to see you can be things other than an athlete, other than a singer, dancer or entertainer. There are business people out

here, who own stuff, who own businesses. That's my main mandate as to why I fight to keep open: to inspire our youth.

As a resident of Pike Township and business owner, what activities are you involved in? How do you maintain community relations?

I coached the Pike Red Devils for two years and was on the Pike Youth Board for four years. I still serve in an advisory role with the youth board. Another one of my past volunteer roles was president of the Pike High School Touch Down Club for three years, in which I currently serve in an advisory role. At Nu Corinthian Baptist Church, I am the director of the Basketball Ministry League, which serves kids from ages four thru 18.

Note from Arnita: Not only does Darrell donate his time, but as a community business partner his company has donated uniforms and travel bags to support Pike youth sports.



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Adventure Awaits

Boy Scouts of America has been shaping the youth of America for over 100 years. Discover everything Scouting has in store for you!

Our focus is sharing the benefits of Scouting, especially at the Cub Scout level, with residents of Pike Township. We focus on family Scouting – having the whole family involved. Scouts is a great opportunity for parents to do all sorts of activities with their kids. We do a lot outdoors, and we also learn many different skills at all ages. Learning

how to be part of the community and completing service projects within our community are two of our central tenets.

Our chartered organization is Eagle Creek Community Church, and they have been an incredible host for our Pack going into our fourth year.

We are looking to expand the

racial diversity within our Pack and adult leadership. Having our pack mirror Pike Township makes us stronger. Our Scouts learn so much about respecting others. We are all Scouts – we all wear the same uniform and complete the same adventures and requirements to advance. We help each other when we fall and celebrate each other when we succeed.

Our Scouts range in ages from kindergartners to 5th graders. This works well in Pike since our elementary schools are also K through 5, and we are building good relationships with the school district. Dr. Flora is a big supporter of Scouting. This past session Indiana passed a law allowing more access to the schools. That access is curtailed now by COVID-19, but long term it will be beneficial.

We have several families who have had multiple Scouts go through the Pack.

Now with girls joining Scouts we have sisters following brothers.

Our Indiana Scout Council is The Crossroads of America Council, <https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/>



Indiana Boy Scout Councils



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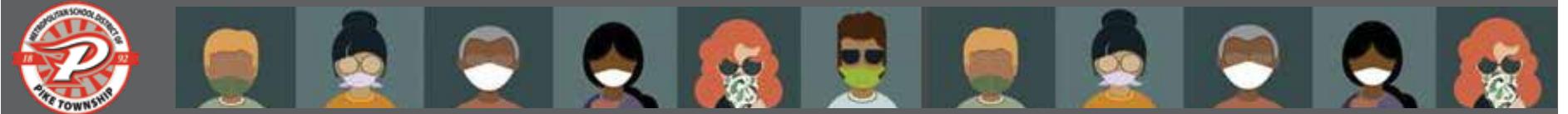
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Back to School Plan for MSD of Pike Township:

COVID-19 impacted our school community in many ways. We continue to learn more about the virus on a regular basis based on research and data. All decisions in the Back to School Plan were made with the information at the time. Adjustments may be necessary. No

single action or set of actions will completely eliminate the risk of COVID-19 transmission, but implementation of several coordinated interventions can greatly reduce that risk.

American Academy of Pediatrics — June 26, 2020

The importance of in-person learning is well-documented, and there is evidence of the negative impacts on children because of school closures in the Spring of 2020.

Lengthy time away from school and associated interruption of supportive services often results in social isolation, making it difficult for schools to identify and address important learning deficits as well as child and adolescent physical or sexual abuse, substance use, depression, and suicidal ideation. Beyond the educational impact and social impact of school closures, there has been substantial impact on food security and physical activity for children and families.

Harvard School of Public Health — June 2020

There is no perfect plan to reopen schools safely, only “less bad” options.

There is no “one size fits all” strategy that works for every school.

Compliance will be imperfect. Learning will be different. There will be disruption.

Schools may need to reclose unexpectedly depending on local conditions.

Despite these challenges, the enormous individual and societal costs of keeping schools closed are significant. School closures have disproportionately impacted children of lower socioeconomic status, children with disabilities, and children in other marginalized groups. The reopening of schools must be done with equity in mind.

MSD of Pike Township Learning Opportunities 2020-2021

Definitions

In-Person Learning	Student attends face to face when buildings are open
Digital Remote Learning	For In-Person Learning students when the teacher and students meet remotely should there be a quarantine or closure. Teachers provide real time instruction through Canvas.
MSD of Pike Township Virtual School	New all virtual educational program provided to students via Canvas and real time instruction. Students participate off campus. What does a virtual classroom look like?



Opening of School

- School will operate on the pre-established calendar for 2020-2021.
- The school start date and schedule will be determined on 7.16.2020
- Buses will operate beginning the first day of school. Parents/guardians are encouraged to drive their child to school.
- Face coverings are included as part of school uniform expectations.
- Students and staff are required to wear facial coverings when riding the bus and as guided by the Marion County Public Health Dept. (MCPHD)
- The status of in-person instruction will be monitored weekly.
- Schedules will be established for multiple scenarios that may be needed during the school year.
- The calendar and school schedules may change based on state and local decisions.
- MSD of Pike Township will have practices in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19.
- It is the expectation that students, staff, parents/guardians and the school community work together to reduce risks of COVID-19.

Resources

- Marion County Public Health Order 20-2020 effective July 9, 2020
- Marion County Public Health Department Reopening of Schools Guidance 7-02-2020
- American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations
- Harvard School of Public Health Recommendations
- CDC Recommendations for Schools
- CDC Guidance, COVID-19 K-12 Schools and Child Care Programs
- Indiana State Department of Health Resources
- State of Indiana COVID-19 Quarantine Decisions
- State of Indiana COVID-19 Decision Tree
- Indiana Department of Health School Screening Checklist

19 Symptom Screening

- All staff and students (parents) are expected to be aware of and self-screen daily.
- Reminders will be sent regularly of that responsibility.
- Quarantines may be necessary due to illness or exposure.
- Staff and student cases of COVID-19 are to be communicated to the school nurse, building administrator, or supervisor.

Face Coverings

- Staff and students are required to have a face covering for in-person instruction.
- Guidance regarding the use of face coverings will be created for staff and by grade level.
- Face coverings are part of the school uniform and are expected to be worn following the guidance of the MCPHD.
- Face coverings are required to ride the bus.
- Face covering expectations may change based on national, state or local guidance.

Face coverings include:

- Masks that cover both the nose and mouth.
- Cloth covering of nose and mouth, i.e. bandana
- Face shields

Exceptions

- Health condition
- Impedes learning
- Unable to remove mask on own
- While eating or drinking
- While playing a musical instrument
- When outside doing active work and social distanced
- PreK or exceptional learners who are unable to use a face covering appropriately.
- Any exceptions added by the MCPHD

Social Distancing and Cohorting

- When possible, following the 6.28.2020 guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics and Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD) guidelines.
- Nonessential visitors are not allowed in schools while social distancing guidelines are in place.

- Student attendance awards are paused until 2021-2022.
- Staff and Students are to wear a face covering when social distancing is not possible.
- PreK and elementary students will remain in a cohort.
- Transportation cohorts will be established when possible.

Disinfecting/Cleaning

- Schools will offer extended opportunities for adequate hand washing.
- Additional options for the use of hand sanitizer will be available for staff and students.
- High touch common areas will be disinfected throughout the day.
- Student-friendly disinfectant wipes for surfaces will be available in the classroom.
- District-wide cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented in each school facility.
- Buses will be disinfected prior to each route.

Health and Safety

- Each school facility will have a designated contact person for reporting COVID-19 cases to the MCPHD.
- Each school will have a designated area for symptomatic students to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Students and staff are encouraged to bring full water bottles each day for personal use.
- Students and staff will have water available each day.
- Students and staff must be fever free for 72 hours.
- Quarantine of students or staff with symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test will be determined based on the Indiana State Health Department unless otherwise directed by the MCPHD.
- Each school will maintain attendance and quarantine records.
- If symptoms suggest the possibility of COVID-19, a student shall only return with a negative COVID-19 test or following the quarantine guidelines.

Pike MSD Skyward Family Access Frequently Ask Questions

What is Family Access?

Family Access is an information resource made available to every family at **NO** cost. This resource provides you access to your child's:

- Grades
- Attendance
- Class Schedule
- Food Service Balance

As well as your

- Ability to update demographic, e-mail & text (sms) information
- Enroll & Register online

*Family Access provides safe, secure and easy access to your child's school records.

Who is eligible to have Access to Family Access?

Only authorized Legal Parents/Guardians will be allowed access to Family Access.

Why I should use Family Access?

It increases communication between home and school. Family Access is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Is Family Access a Secure Website to use?

Family Access uses Secured Socket Layer (SSL). This is the same system used by sites that accept credit card numbers and other personal data that must be secure. Each individual (student, parent, or staff member) must be given a user name and password to access only certain pages in order to view their students Family Access Information.

How do you Access Family Access?

Navigate to <http://www.pike.k12.in.us>. In the top right corner, you will find a clickable link for Skyward.

Having issues with logging into Family Access?

Family Access is a web-based product, so it should work on your computer like any other web-based application. Family Access works best on the most recent version of your web browser. Internet Explorer and FireFox are recommended. If you are still having problems, please call your child's school secretary for assistance. Please note that schools within MSD of Pike do not provide off-site technology or software application assistance. For computer or software problems, please consult your computer dealer or software vendor.

Are you having problems with password/username?

If you are having problems with your password or username please contact your child's school secretary. You cannot create your own username, that has to be created for you. You can change it once you have the original username.

How do I change my password?

To change your password you need to click on account info when on the home page. Then you can click on Change my Password.

Can other people see my child's information?

When each account is created, it is specifically set so that each parent is only able to see his or her own children. No one else can see your student's information.

What happens if I have children located at different schools?

You will still only need one log-in and password. You can see them all at once, or you are able to go to the top of the family access page and click among your students.

Troubleshooting with Family Access – what should you do?

If you are having trouble with your Family Access, first contact your school's secretary to see if there are any problems with the Skyward Family Access. If there are no Skyward Family Access issues, please contact your computer or software vendor for help. MSD of Pike Township does not provide technology assistance.

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MSD of Pike Township does not provide technical support for your home computers. If you experience technical support problems, please contact your computer technical support for assistance. The school secretary may confirm your Family Access account and password in the event of an emergency.



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Dr. Flora Reichanadter Superintendent of Schools

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES



Step 1: Determine your school's attendance boundary.

You may do this by visiting our website at www.pike.k12.in.us. On the top menu bar, go to Departments. You'll find our Transportation link on the left which will take you to "Bus Stop Finder". You can also contact our Transportation Department at 317-280-2450.

Step 2: Collect the information to enroll prior to visiting the school:

- Current Driver's License or Passport
- Child's state issued birth certificate
- Child's current immunization records
- Name, address, phone and fax number of your child's previous school
- If you are not the custodial parent, the state requires you to show original guardianship documents from a court or agency.
- For High School enrollment, student, parent(s), guardian(s) must provide all previous records for the last school of attendance including withdrawal records, transcripts, and discipline records.

Step 3: Call your child's new school to schedule the enrollment.

Please don't forget to bring your original documents with you.

Note: If you are temporarily residing with a Pike Township resident:

You must provide one document from each section, A, B and C.

The parent(s) or guardian(s) will need to provide a change of address from the post office and two other pieces of mail showing the new address. Within 30 days, a valid driver's license or government approved ID showing the new address, will also be required.

Indiana Code

Legal settlement of the student is the school corporation whose attendance area contains the residence of the parent with whom the student is living. I.C. 20-26-11-2.

The residence of a child is determined by the residence of his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s). This place of residence must be within Pike's district boundaries for the child(ren) to attend Pike Schools.

Proof of Residency – Legal parent(s) or guardian(s) must provide one document from each section, A, B and C below:

Section A

For a Homeowner:

- Copy of Deed of Trust, current mortgage payment, or closing documents

For a Renter:

- Copy of Lease or Renters Agreement

Section B

Select one of the following bills or documents dated within the last 30 days:

- Gas or Electric
- Sewer or Water
- Car payment, insurance or registration
- Student or Government Loan
- Credit Card or Bank Statement
- Government Assistance or Agency
- Payroll Stub

Section C

- Valid Indiana Driver's License with current address
- Valid out of state photo ID or Consulate ID

Pike Pulse Tuesday Taco Tour

by Experienced Taco Experts: **Brandon Fishburn**, Pike Pulse, Director of Development
Ross Wimmersberger, President 4cT, and **Rob Hall**, Associate with JLL

Brandon: For this Taco Tuesday go round, we chose **Saraga International Grocery Store, 3605 Commercial Dr.** The plan was to dine in at the grocery store and sample the cuisine from all three of their on-premise restaurants. Instead, due to COVID, two of the restaurants were temporarily closed, so we chose to play the hand we were dealt and continued our sampling of amazing tacos.

Restaurante Don Luis didn't disappoint us. Situated in Saraga, Don Luis is another fantastic example of authentic Mexican food. I found myself at a table with wonderful friends who possess a similar appetite for great food and genuine company. Collectively, we agreed, the food was mouthwateringly good, and I can't wait to get back to try something else.

When dining, I think it's important to take a moment to connect with people about things that matter. Much of our conversation centered around our primary responsibility to our wives and families. I'm encouraged by these conversations, because what tends to get more air-time and press is stories about the dysfunctional marriage and family. My friend Rob quoted A.W. Tozer, "It

is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until he has hurt him deeply." Collectively we all have had deep pains in our home, and on the other side of that pain we've grown something new in our perspective. We also agreed that now is a time of great pain for many, and as we, as a society, walk through this time, our collective hope is for a stronger community and a deeper sense of love for each other.

Ross: While I frequent Saraga for groceries, and often hit up Lucky Lu on Sunday's for their wonderful Dim Sum, I have never tried *Restaurante Don Luis*.

I went with the combo, which included 5 tacos: 2 chicken, 2 steak, and 1 al pastor. YOLO, right?! They were all excellent, traditional tacos with onions+cilantro only; the ONLY way to eat REAL tacos! I also got the horchata. It was perfect to cool my mouth down after eating some of their delicious salted, hot peppers. Someone said, "Oh, these aren't spicy at all." I went all in and ate about half of one, with the seeds. The saltiness on the outside was a great addition, and it really opens up your taste buds to get incinerated by the hot pepper! Hah! No, it wasn't all that bad, but

it's definitely not a mild or medium spice level! We learned the all green ones weren't as bad as the orange/yellow ones. Great flavor and I couldn't stop eating them.

All in all, I would rate them a 7/10 — I'd even give it a bonus point for the location, because who doesn't love Saraga! In a post-COVID world, I'll be back there eating tacos while pushing my cart full of fruits and vegetables I've never heard of!

It was great to meet Rob for the first time and have lunch with him and Brandon. We didn't have too much of an "agenda" to talk about, but within the first 10 minutes we were all praising our wives and how great they were....then quickly we were like "Whoa! This conversation doesn't happen too often!" Here we were, three happily married men who brag on their wives! We learned about our different pasts and touched on a multitude of great topics. We quickly ran out of time as the conversations were just getting started. I can't wait to meet again!

Rob: I had the wonderful experience of having a very tasty lunch with Brandon and Ross at Saraga's. The brainchild of Brandon, the conver-

sation centered around such topics as fatherhood, how blessed we are to have the wives we do, being good husbands, race, education, the current social unrest our country is experiencing and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was so refreshing to be able to talk with each other face to face while practicing social distancing.

The food was excellent! I enjoyed an authentic burrito which reminded me of the Mexican food I grew up eating in Chicago Heights. I also had authentic jalapeno peppers which were complementary. The service was great, and the store set up, with its sugar cane bin, exotic spices and live fish tank really gave an international flavor to the experience.

I am really looking forward to our next gathering and encourage anyone to come and enjoy the great food and conversation.



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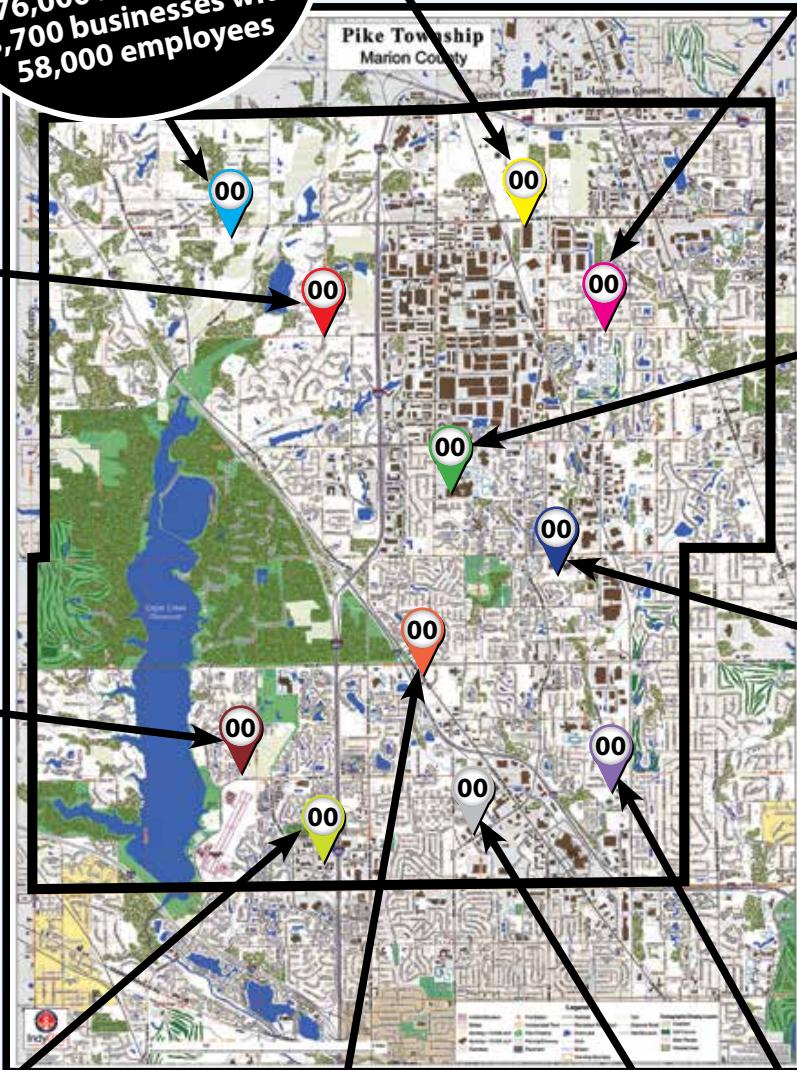
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Provided by Shawnda Sparks

Help! My child is two years away from college, and we haven't saved much. What should we do?

Your late start means you've missed most of the best opportunities to grow the money you have. With only two years until your child starts college, you'll need to refine the college selection process, accumulate enough of a down payment for the early college bills, and establish a savings plan for the later college years. Here are some constructive steps you can take.

First, help your child investigate schools that provide a good value.

Some less expensive state universities and second-tier private colleges may offer better programs than their more expensive private counterparts. Think creatively. Your child could attend a nearby school and live at home for a year or two to save money on room and board. He or she could attend a community college for two years and then transfer to a private four-year college. Or, your child could consider cooperative education, where semesters of academic work alternate with semesters of paid work. If your finances are severely limited, your child might consider taking a year off before starting college.

Second, learn all you can about financial aid. Do a dry run through the federal government's financial aid application to determine whether your child is likely to qualify for financial aid, and, if so, for how much. When you've zeroed in on a few colleges, examine their financial aid statistics. For example, what percentage of students receive financial aid? What percentage of the average package consists of loans? What percentage of a student's financial need is generally met — 100%? 75%? Does the college offer merit scholarships? Use a net price calculator on a college's website to get an idea of how much grant or scholarship aid your child might receive at a particular college based on your financial information.

Third, start investigating potential scholarships. There are a number of websites where your child can type in his or her interests, abilities, and goals to obtain a list of relevant scholarships. However, outside scholarships generally make up only a small portion of a student's overall aid package, and the process can be very competitive. So don't make the mistake of thinking that a private scholarship will magically cover most of your child's college expenses. It's important that this search be made in addition to, not in place of, the quest for federal and college-sponsored financial aid.

Fourth, examine any current financial resources that you can draw on for the early college bills. Do you have savings accounts, stocks, mutual funds, or cash value life insurance? Can you pay a portion of the tuition bills from current income? Can you increase the family income by getting a second job or having a previously stay-at-home spouse return to the work force? If you're still short, you'll need to investigate a personal loan, home equity loan, or federal Parent PLUS Loan. In other cases, you may need to tap your retirement accounts, though this is generally recommended only as a last resort.

Finally, you'll need to start earmarking as much of your current income as you can for college bills that will come due in four or five years, when your child is a junior or senior in college. Because you'll need the money relatively soon, you should avoid high-risk investments. Instead, choose a lower-risk investment, such as a certificate of deposit that is timed to mature when you need it, or a money market mutual fund.

Note: All investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal, and there is no guarantee that any investment strategy will be successful. The FDIC insures CDs, which generally provide a fixed rate of return, up to \$250,000 per depositor, per insured institution.

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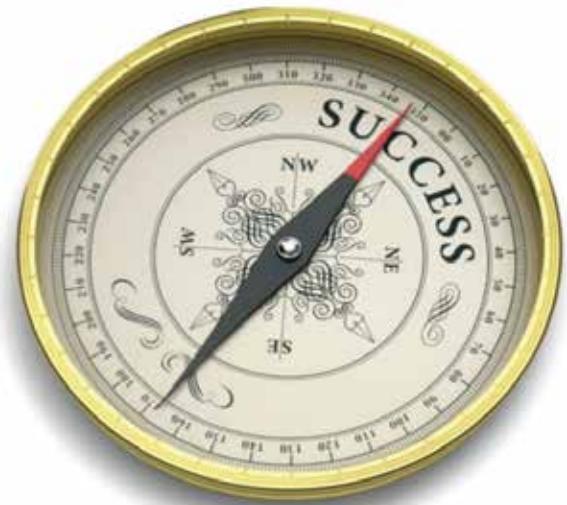
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Our Publisher's son's father-in-law is Rix Quinn, who has been in the newspaper business all his life and shares his experiences and advice about our new endeavor — the *Pike Pulse* newspaper.



But next to the plate stands an offensive team member — the batter — who holds a giant wood stick. His job is to hit the ball to places defensive

He also shares short stories to newspapers all across the USA and encouraged us to print them in our paper. Hope you enjoy them as much as we do — some are more interesting than funny.

QUINN QUIPS – In today's baseball, it's not if you win or lose...but if you can play the game.

Minute Baseball Story by Rix Quinn

Hey, it's Baseball Season!

I know, it's not "officially" here, because it's hard to maintain social distance while completing a double play.

For those who don't know this sport, it requires a glove and a moving bat, but it's got nothing to do with vampires.

It takes place on a "diamond," or four bases arranged in a square. There aren't real diamonds involved, so players won't get distracted by bright stones that reflect sunlight.

The pitcher stands in the middle of the square, and aims his throw at one of the bases, called home plate. The catcher squats behind the home plate to catch the ball. An umpire stands behind the catcher.

players are not. Confused yet?

Some defensive team members stand next to the bases, while others stand farther out. Some might say they are "outstanding in their field." Each of these players try to catch the ball if it's hit by the batter.

Offensive players take turns trying to hit the ball between defensive players. However, if the batter thumps the other team's player — or an umpire — with his bat, he might be called "out," and possibly jailed.

So, the batter hits the ball, and runs around the bases. If he touches all bases correctly, he scores a run. If he runs them randomly, he is considered "wacky," and is also called "out." After three offensive players are called "out," the other team gets a chance to bat.

One other thing, each team has a different uniform. That way the home team fans know which players to insult.

I would still like to play baseball myself, but I wear gloves only in winter, and I'm scared of flying bats.

Melissa continued from page 4

I service anyone, anywhere in the township and outside. The company also has relocation services, really first-rate. We can find you a home anywhere in the world, or I can find an agent who can help you.

Arnita: What type of feedback have you received regarding the sale of existing homes? Have clients been open to purchasing existing homes, despite the coronavirus, because everything has to be sprayed down or disinfected? Are they looking more towards new construction?

Melissa: My experience with existing home sales is strong. We have many homes in Indianapolis and beyond, that are selling or under contract. If it takes more than 30 or 60 days, we're just really surprised it's still on the market. So, I'd say there's a very

positive response to buying existing homes.

Arnita: And then, since you work part-time in your real estate business, is there any other business venture that you currently own or manage?

Melissa: No, I expanded the part-time to full-time about mid-March. So now, I am seven days a week, around the clock, available in real estate.

Arnita: Is there anything else you would like to share about your business or about how things have been going since we're back into opening our economy?

Melissa: This has been a wonderful opportunity for me to serve the families in the community. And I'm really looking forward to meeting people face to face who I've been communicating with through digital media. I'm really optimistic about the market and about people reaching out, so everyone can have that American dream of owning a home.

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It protects seniors and African-Americans.

Marion County COVID-19 Cases and Deaths							
	Cases*	% of Cases	Deaths*	% of Cases	Population	%	% of Cases
Overall	11,746	100%	708		965,475	100%	
Age Group							
< 20	612	5%	3	<.05%	260,552	27%	0.23%
20-29	1,975	17%	3	<.02%	154,144	16%	1.28%
30-39	2,272	19%	7	<.03%	142,886	15%	1.59%
40-49	2,068	18%	23	1%	113,814	12%	1.82%
50-59	1,943	17%	44	2%	117,315	12%	1.66%
60-69	1,458	12%	142	10%	97,864	10%	1.49%
70-79	771	7%	176	23%	49,678	5%	1.55%
80+	642	5%	310	48%	29,222	3%	2.20%
Race							
White	2,785	24%	323	12%	617,754	64%	0.45%
Black	2,535	22%	247	10%	279,013	29%	0.91%
Other Race	1,654	14%	26	2%	0	0%	
Missing info	4,425	38%	104	2%	0	0%	
Sex							
Male	5,291	45%	371	7%	465,300	48%	1.14%
Female	6,280	53%	335	5%	500,175	52%	1.26%
Missing info	175	1%	2	1%	0	0%	

*Based on 7/13/2020 records reported to and investigated by the Marion County Public Health Department. <http://marionhealth.org/covid-19/>



Virginia A. Caine, MD
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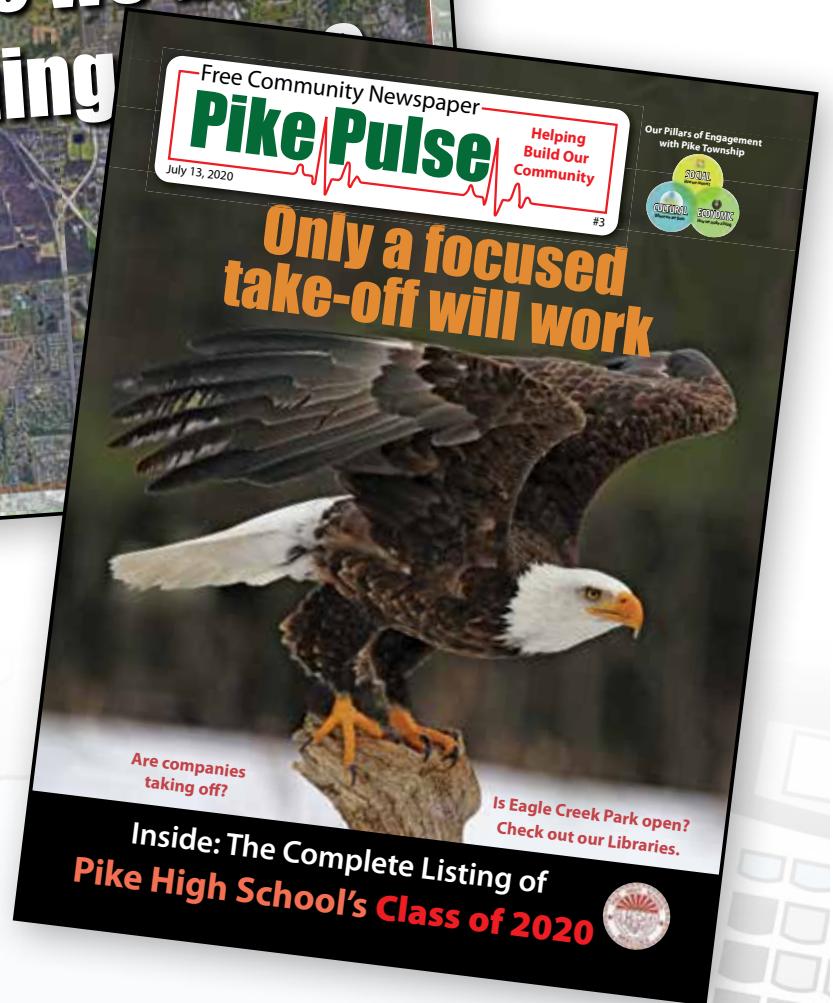
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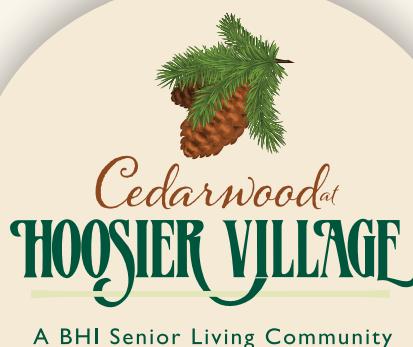
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