PITMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Robert J. Preston, Ed.D., Superintendent
Ryan M. Caltabiano, Assistant Superintendent
Christopher DeStratis, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Central Office: 320 Grant Avenue, Pitman, NJ 08071
Main: 856-589-2145
pitman.k12.nj.us

August 24, 2026

Dear Families,

Another school year is here, and we're excited to welcome everyone back in just two weeks from tomorrow! It's been a full summer for our staff and our facilities teams, and I'm proud of what we've accomplished together to get ready for your children. I want to share a few updates with you below.

PES Referendum Project Update

Construction progress at PES is on target and advancing quickly. Unit ventilators are now in place in virtually all classrooms, and major ductwork has been run through large spaces like the auditorium and gymnasium. Bathrooms are also nearing completion, with much of the tile, trim, and plumbing work done. We've included some pictures below of what this all looks like, including the masonry wall now visible out front; that wall is a screening structure for an air handling unit that will provide cooling to areas of the lower level of the building. As we approach our *September 8th opening*, we're very eager to welcome students into a more comfortable, updated learning environment this year.

OnCourse Connect Launch

This week marks the launch of OnCourse Connect, our new parent portal, replacing the PowerSchool Parent Portal used in past years. If you haven't already, keep an eye out for an automated invitation email from noreply@oncoursesystems.com with instructions to set up your login and link your student(s). Annual student data update forms will also be available through the portal starting this week; please take a few minutes to review and update your student's information for the year. A user guide and video walkthrough are available to help you get started, and the portal is also accessible through the OnCourse mobile app on the App Store and Google Play.

JRSRHS: New Start and End Times

Just a reminder of our new daily schedule at Pitman Jr./Sr. High School this year:

Doors open: 7:25 AM

School begins: 7:35 AM

Dismissal: 2:22 PM

Looking Ahead

Building principals will be reaching out in the coming days with further details on schedules and other important information for the year ahead. Thank you, as always, for your partnership and patience as we continue to grow and improve for our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Preston









