

# PULASKI HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL



To: Pulaski Heights Middle School Parents

From: Darryl James Powell- Principal

Re: Loss of Instruction and Retention Intervention

The teachers, administrators, and support staff at PHMS recognize the significant impact the COVID 19 pandemic and intermittent disruptions of teaching and learning have had on our students and families. While many students have demonstrated learning and achievement, others have struggled with comprehension, engagement, and participation. Unfortunately, some students may have experienced gaps in their learning, and others may be in jeopardy of being retained. Beginning this month, PHMS will offer opportunities to close identified learning gaps and avoid the possibility of being retained in the current grade-level.

- Students in English and Math classes will participate in two 30-minute sessions in our **Retention Intervention** program *Moby Max*. Moby Max is an online platform (accessible from home for virtual students) that will provide students the opportunity to demonstrate their skills acquisition and preparedness for the next grade-level. This program also offers lessons to help close learning gaps for all students.
- Students in danger of failure, should participate fully and demonstrate a measurable level of subject comprehension in the Moby Max Program for the remainder of the year to be considered for promotion. Along with Moby Max, we **must** also consider *teacher recommendations, interim assessment results, and other extenuating circumstances*.
- Students in danger of failure who do not participate and demonstrate a measurable level of subject comprehension with Moby Max will not be recommended for promotion. These students will be required to attend Summer School for promotion to the next grade level.
- Students who fail to complete the Retention Intervention Program nor Summer School WILL NOT be considered for promotion to the next grade level.

Our intention is to provide each student with the opportunity to be successful during these unusual times. We encourage students to engage in Moby Max because it's designed to provide personalized learning for all students' individual needs.