



# Duquesne City School District

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July 8, 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians:

To make up for educational opportunities lost due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a new Pennsylvania law called Act 66 gives students and their parents or guardians special rights during the 2021 – 2022 school year:

- A special education students who turned 21 during or after the 2020 – 2021 school year and before the 2021 – 2022 school year, and who was enrolled in a school entity for the 2020 – 2021 school year, may:
  - Re-enroll in the school entity for the 2021 – 2022 school year; and
  - Participate in extended school year (ESY) programming in 2021.

A parent or guardian and the student must choose to re-enroll by July 15, 2021. An enrollment form is available on the Pennsylvania Department of Education website, [https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/Pages/Student-Grade-Level-Retainment-\(Act-66\).aspx](https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/Pages/Student-Grade-Level-Retainment-(Act-66).aspx)

- Any child may repeat his or her grade level from the 2020 – 2021 school year during 2021 – 2022, even if the child could have advanced to the next grade level. A child who repeats a grade level is entitled to participate in academic and extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics if eligible. A parent or guardian, or a child who is 18 or older, must elect by July 15, 2021, for the child to repeat a grade level. An enrollment form is available on the Pennsylvania Department of Education website, [https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/Pages/Student-Grade-Level-Retainment-\(Act-66\).aspx](https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/Pages/Student-Grade-Level-Retainment-(Act-66).aspx)

Completed enrollment forms must be returned to the District office by 4:00 PM on July 15, 2021. The District encourages individuals considering either option to contact Eric Harper – Principal, to discuss these and other ways the District is addressing Covid-19 learning loss: Eric Harper – Principal [harpere@dukesk12.org](mailto:harpere@dukesk12.org).

Sincerely,

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