
Subject: PFT Coronavirus Update: Latest News, Links & Meeting Changes

Date: Monday, March 16, 2020



Dear PFT Member:

Though most of our members who work in our schools are off, I want to give a special shout out to our **21 School Police Officers** who are hard at work and on duty **protecting and serving our schools, our students and their families during these unprecedented and somewhat chilling times.**

** We are so fortunate to have access to our own police force, and hope that you all take the time to take note of that fact whenever you speak to administration, Board members and parents.

** We also know that our **Certified School Nurse Practitioners and Certified School Nurses** were also directed to report to schools today to distribute medications to parents for their children. Of course, knowing the dedication and professionalism of our nurses, their can-do spirit and willingness to respond in a time of crisis comes as no surprise to us.

** We are also working with other 12-month employee groups to determine how they will each be dealt with during this time—I am sure that more kudos will be in order in a future update.

Below please find additional links providing helpful information you can rely on as the situation changes and evolves. *It will do so daily.*

[PA Department of Health Coronavirus Resources](#)

[National Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Coronavirus Resources](#)

[AFT/AFTPA Coronavirus Resources & Updates for Members](#)

PFT Meetings are Currently Being Postponed or Rescheduled via Interactive Means.

Please keep an eye on your member email, social media and [our website](#) for updates as they happen. All meetings physically held at the PFT have been cancelled for the next two weeks through April 1st at the minimum, however we will be holding a **telephone conference call to keep our critical E-board meeting intact on Monday, March 23rd.**

E-board members stay tuned for more information.

ER&D and NBPTS participants also keep an eye on your email for class updates and news.

For NBPTS in particular, know that until PPS reopens, National Board classes at the PFT are canceled.

The National Board is aware that many cities, districts, and states are closing schools, some indefinitely, making it impossible to video or collect student work. There has been some talk that the deadline to submit portfolio entries might be extended, but that decision has yet to be announced. If a decision is reached, you may hear from them before we do, as we are not the candidates. If you do get an email from the NB concerning deadlines, or any other pertinent information, please share that information with us.

Negotiations Will Still Be Held Tomorrow!

We will inform you, as always, if our negotiations schedule needs to be modified as a result of this evolving situation.

Look for daily updates on the Coronavirus situation and how it affects and relates to PFT members every day. Our next update will be the weekly Tuesday Blast tomorrow afternoon.

**In solidarity,
Nina Esposito-Visgitis**

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