

Lincoln Park Public Schools

Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders at Lincoln Park Schools Today

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we have begun the month of October and the cooler Fall days are upon us, I wanted to update everyone on our continued efforts to move forward with the opening of the district. First, I want to thank all of the parents and students for all the cooperation and effort being put forth to make this unconventional school year work. It isn't easy, and I know there is frustration in abundance as we continue to navigate the school year under the Covid-19, but we are all pitching in and making it work, and I thank you for those efforts. The students who are coming into the building are doing a very good job of following the health and safety protocols that have been put in place. As I have in previous letters, I want to emphasize how important it is to complete the student's health assessment located in your child's Genesis account for every day your child comes into the building. It is important that we stay diligent in our efforts in following the health and safety measures that are in place. We cannot get complacent, especially as we move into the Fall and Winter months. We are still navigating instructional, scheduling, and technology issues, in order to make your child's educational experience as positive as possible.

As you are aware, the next phase of the reopening is taking place this Monday, October 12th. The fifth grade will be returning to the LPMS from the LPES and will be joined by the eighth grade students and staff. All of the preparations are almost complete and the LPMS will be ready to open on Monday. The new bus passes have been issued and I will send an alert call out on Sunday evening reminding you to complete the health assessment for your child, before the students come to the school. If you aren't aware, the entire district staff completes a health assessment before coming into the building each day as well. As I have said in all of my correspondence with you, all of our plans will move forward as long as the safety procedures that are in place continue to work. Also, the health data from Lincoln Park, Morris County, and the State must remain positive. We continue to communicate with the Borough's Public Health Nurse, assuring we are following all the proper protocols.

If everything continues to move forward in a positive manner, we will continue to proceed with the efforts to bring more students into the schools. There are tentative timelines for bringing more students and staff back to the building, which will be followed unless safety and health measures can't be met. As of today, the following is the timeline for the continued reopening plan:

- 10/12 Fifth & Eighth grades return to the LPMS
- 11/2 Sixth & Seventh grades return to the LPMS
(Current Virtual Students will have the option to return to in-school instruction at this time)
- 11/11 The start of the second marking period, all Pre-K–Fifth grade virtual students are given the option to return to in person instruction.

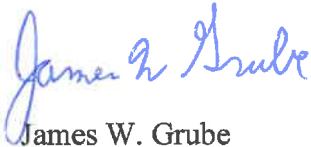
We are looking into, and are very close to, returning all of the LPES resource room students to in school instruction for four days a week instruction. We are still working on this, so I don't have a date to share with you, but it may occur later in the month. We are continuing to work on the

details in order to assure that we will be able to successfully take this next step. We will keep you updated on this plan.

Both schools will be sending out surveys in the next few days, please take the time to answer the surveys because the information is necessary to prepare for the different phases of the reopening plan. The first survey will be for all sixth and seventh grade students in preparation for their return on November 2nd. The Pre-K through fifth grade virtual students will be receiving a survey asking to update your plans for the second marking period, which begins on Wednesday, November 11th, which is a virtual instruction day for the entire district. As I stated in my last letter, I want to reiterate that our goal is to get all students and staff back into the buildings for in person instruction as long as we can do it safely. Hopefully, we can continue moving forward and reach this goal in the near future.

In closing, on a separate topic which many of you may be aware of, the Board of Education passed a resolution at the September 22nd board meeting approving my retirement on December 31st. Please know that I recognize there is much more work to be done as we navigate these very difficult times, and I assure you that I will continue to work hard to do what is best for the entire Lincoln Park Community.

Sincerely,



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