

Lincoln Park Public Schools

Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders at Lincoln Park Schools Today

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare to begin the 2020-21 school year this coming Tuesday, September 8th, I want to address a few items before the school year starts. The teaching staff have spent the past week participating in training and professional development activities. It was good to see faces, some I haven't seen since last March. The week was a whirlwind trying to prepare for an opening of school none of us have ever experienced. Although we are prepared to open, we recognize, and I hope you do as well, that there will be issues that come up, as there are every new school year. I ask for your patience as we navigate through these uncharted waters. When there is an issue with the Internet or technology device, please be patient, notify us and we will address it. If an issue arises with the schedule or virtual instruction, please be patient and notify us. If there are issues with bus routes or lunch delivery, please be patient and notify us. Regarding transportation, I am sure the timing of the bus runs will be off as this is the first time they have ever run with this limited capacity. We have spent a lot of time and resources preparing to have a successful opening, but I do expect some issues to arise as we move through the first few days.

Some areas I want to focus on are some extremely important requirements and procedures, which are of the utmost importance and must be followed, and will be strictly enforced.

- Face coverings must be worn at all times in the building and outside when social distancing cannot be realized.
- For all bus riders, face coverings must be worn on the bus and when entering and exiting the bus. Also, it is very important to have your bus pass when riding the bus.
- Parents, you must complete the health assessment for your child on the days they are entering the school building. This is completed in the student information system in their Genesis account. We are asking that this be completed by 8:00 AM each day.
- If your child is sick or showing symptoms of Covid-19, they must stay home from school. The length of time should be per the New Jersey Department of Health guidelines, which can be accessed in the link below. Please understand, if your child is showing symptoms of illness or has been in contact with someone who has a confirmed case of Covid-19, they must stay home. Please understand the nursing staff will be following the same guidelines and will be sending students home whom meet these guidelines. Please take the time to read the [New Jersey Department of Health's](#) COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools.
- Only students who signed up for the hybrid form of instruction can enter the school. Virtual students will utilize the virtual format, until at least the second marking period.

Nicole Schoening is the district's Business Administrator and oversees the transportation and lunch service in the district. She has also attached a letter providing you information on the lunch program, including how to order and the distribution schedule for the lunches. Please take the time to read the letter as the entire lunch program has been modified.

As we move forward, the most important communication will be coming from the building principals and your child's teachers. Please take the time to read their communications and when you do have questions and concerns, please communicate with them. If they are not aware of the issue, they can't address it.

District-wide concerns, as always, may be addressed by my office. All of us will continue to work hard to do what is best for the students in the Lincoln Park School District. There are a range of emotions we are all feeling, from frustrated, sad, and overwhelmed, as well as curious and excited. We are all dealing with the uncertainty that is ahead, but I am confident that if we all pull together and try to focus on the positive, we will successfully navigate the uncharted waters ahead.

Have a fun and enjoyable Labor Day weekend, and continue to stay safe.

Respectfully,

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