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Good Evening LPS Families,

As we complete the first full week of July, we are happy to share that we are also completing the first week of our face-to-face summer school session. I cannot tell you how great it has been seeing many of our students and staff return to our campuses this week.

I also want to take a moment to update you on the work and planning efforts that continue to take place in preparation for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. Teams and individuals that make up our district, including staff, parents, students, Board of Education, and district leadership have worked tirelessly since early last spring planning for a successful school re-entry that will address the needs of all of our families, while keeping our students and staff safe and healthy.

As our re-entry plans are near completion, I wanted to share a few details regarding what to expect when classes resume in August. Our detailed re-entry plan will be released to families and the community on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Below are a few highlights of what families can expect:

- All LPS students (grades preK-12) will have the option of either face-to-face learning or virtual learning for the 2020-2021 school year. A *student census* survey will be included in next week's communication. This will provide the opportunity for families to choose which option is preferred for your child(ren). Specific details for both options at all grade levels will also be provided so that families are able to make the best decision for **your** child and family.
- An updated *Operating Procedures and Guidelines* document will be shared. This document includes all of the important information families will want to know when it comes to a safe and healthy return for students and staff, including daily screening and reporting, PPE usage, capacity limitations, and much more. This document will continue to evolve as we receive updates provided by the Clay County Public Health Center.

In closing, the hashtag that emerged following our extended school closure in March, **#InThisTogetherLPS**, continues to be extremely relevant for us as we navigate through these unprecedented times. In recent weeks, I have been asked several times by families, "What can we do to help"? First, whether a student is learning from school or at home, it is important to recognize that things will be different when August 25th arrives. We all must remain flexible and ready to contribute to student success. We also must work hard to be safe and healthy. The more students and adults adhere to guidelines from our local health officials and the CDC in the coming weeks, the more we can reduce the spread of COVID-19, with the goal of us returning to normalcy sooner rather than later.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and support of Liberty Public Schools, and have a great weekend!

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