

LPS Update

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

LPS Families,

As we are now a full week into the 2021-2022 school year, we wanted to provide you with a brief update.

- A reminder that tomorrow we will be on our regular Wednesday One-Hour Early Release schedule. All of our schools will be releasing one-hour early from their normal dismissal times **every Wednesday this school year**. This one-hour early release will also be in effect for the Early Childhood Center's full-day session, while the half-day sessions at the ECC will continue their normal schedules. This time each week will be dedicated for teachers to work together as a professional learning community in an effort to achieve better results for the students we serve. We appreciate the support of our community as teachers work to improve learning and instruction district-wide.

- Our Nutrition Services Department has informed us that we are currently experiencing some food/drink shortages in our cafeterias throughout the district. School meal programs nationwide are experiencing many of the same supply chain issues that have impacted restaurants and grocery stores throughout the pandemic. Our team has closely monitored these challenges since the start of the pandemic and have successfully navigated the issue up to this point. Specifically for LPS, milk and juice items seem to be the items most affected at this time. Families are encouraged to send their student(s) with water bottles in the event these items would be unavailable. Water will also be made available for students at school sites during breakfast/lunch times. Please know that our school nutrition team is committed to ensuring students have access to healthy meals each school day. We thank our students and families in advance for your patience and flexibility, as we will likely have to make some last-minute changes to our regular menus, based on availability. It is our hope that these challenges are short-term and we are back to providing a full menu of food and drink items very soon.

As always, thank you for your attention, and have a nice evening!

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