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LPS Community,

We hope you had a nice winter vacation that included finding time to unplug and recharge for 2021 and the semester ahead. Our staff returned to their respective buildings this morning, and we are excited to welcome students back, both in-person or virtually, tomorrow (**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**). We wanted to take a moment to provide you with a few reminders as the semester gets started:

- The *LPS Return to Learn/COVID-19* portal within our website has been updated to reflect all of the important information for families, effective January 5, 2021. To view the updated *Return to Learn* document, [click here](#).
- If your child either tested positive for COVID-19 or was identified as a close contact during the winter vacation, and continues to need to be in a quarantine situation as classes resume tomorrow, **please do not send them to school**. If you have yet to contact your child's school to report this information, we would encourage you to do so as soon as possible to allow our *COVID-19 Response Team* to complete the necessary requirements as part of our protocols. We thank our families in advance for your partnership in keeping our students and staff safe and healthy!
- **Elementary Two-Hour Early Release on Wednesdays:** One change for elementary learners during the second semester is that elementary schools will be on a two-hour early release schedule every Wednesday during the second semester. This will begin Wednesday, January 6, 2021. This will provide needed time for our elementary teaching teams to collaborate around learning and spend time with professional development critical to virtual learning. Understanding the potential challenges this might cause some elementary families, LPS is providing after-school care opportunities for families in need of continued care for students during these two hours. A document was shared prior to the winter vacation that allowed families to sign up. If families need this service and missed the deadline for registration, we would encourage you to connect with your child's home school to check on availability.
- Secondary level (grades 6-12) students will continue with the current flexible learning model that was in place for the first semester. As we have several four-day weeks this semester (including this week), there will be several Wednesdays in which some students will have in-person learning. To view this detailed calendar, [click here](#).

We will remain committed to providing you with regular updates, as necessary. Thank you in advance for your continued flexibility, patience, and grace as we navigate through this unique time. Have a great start to 2021!

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