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LPS Families,

Final preparations are now being made as excitement builds to welcome our students back, whether face-to-face or virtual, on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**.

Our buildings have been providing families with a great deal of information this week, but we also wanted to share with you a few final reminders from the District level, as it relates to our *Return to Learn* plans.

### **Video Segments Provide Insight on How Buildings Will Look**

Last week, a principal from each of our levels (elementary/middle/high school) provided a video message for families that shared how things will look different when students return on September 8, 2020. Below are video links to these updates:

[Elementary School Video Update](#)

[Middle School Video Update](#)

[High School Video Update](#)

### **COVID-19 Communication with Our School Communities**

As we remain in the midst of a pandemic, we understand that the possibility of positive cases of COVID-19 in our schools exists. Please know that we are committed to sharing as much information with you as possible, while still following legal and ethical privacy laws. In the event of a positive COVID-19 case in one of our schools, the following communication will take place:

- The individual who tests positive will be immediately contacted by the Clay County Public Health Center.
- The contact tracing process will immediately begin, and any individual(s) determined to be close contacts of the infected individual will be contacted.
- All staff from the building will receive written notification.
- All parents/guardians of students within the same school building will receive written notification that a positive case exists.

Please know that there is always the possibility that a situation may require additional building and district-wide communication to our staff and families. We would like to thank our entire LPS community for your continued patience, flexibility, and grace as we navigate this extremely challenging time.

### **Health and Safety Reminders from our Health Services Team**

The number one priority in our LPS Community is the health and safety of our students, staff, and families. A great deal of thoughtful preparation from many stakeholders has taken place to

create a plan that will safely welcome our students and staff back into the building. Please keep in mind that as information continues to develop from public health officials our plan may also need to be adapted. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we navigate the school year together. We encourage you to [click here](#) to access important health and safety information that our families need to know.

### **Important Information from our Nutrition Service Department**

Our Nutrition Services Department has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming school year. They recently released a newsletter that provides all of the important information families will want to take note of. This document can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

There are a couple of important items for us to share with families, which include:

- Earlier this week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) extended several flexibilities through December 31, 2020. The flexibilities allow meal program operators to continue serving free meals to all children into the fall months. This unprecedented move will help ensure children have access to nutritious food as the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. In summary, LPS will continue to provide free meals to all learners during the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. We ask that parents and students continue to pre-order lunch meals through the [SchoolCafe website](#) or app to allow choice in hot or cold meals for students, to provide safety to allergy students as well as to ensure a system to social distance at lunch time in their school. Breakfast meals do not need to be pre-ordered. It is still important to complete a Free or Reduced Meal application each school year. Complete an application easily online at [SchoolCafe](#). Additional benefits may be available for those families that qualify.
- Our Nutrition Services team will again be offering curbside meal pick-up opportunities for our families. There are multiple pick-up locations offered, and they can be found within the [Nutrition Services newsletter](#). As always, if you have any questions don't hesitate connecting with our Nutrition Services Department at 736-5375.

We hope that you find this information useful, as we prepare to welcome our students back Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Thank you for your continued support, and have a great upcoming holiday weekend!

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