



The vision of the Lake Forest School District is to be the model of excellence in education.

September 3, 2021

Greetings Spartan Families!

What a great opening week! Thank you to all students, staff, and families who contributed to us getting back to school. While we had some hiccups, the entire Spartan team pulled together and powered through the week. Please take note of a few items.

- 1) **Safety is paramount!** I cannot stress enough how important staying healthy is. This means avoiding situations where you could be exposed to COVID, exercising social distancing, exercising good hygiene, wearing your mask where necessary, and getting vaccinated if you believe it is in your interest.
- 2) **Safety Part 2.** The most important thing we insist on is you **do not allow your student to come to school if he or she is ill or has been exposed to COVID!** Please err on the side of caution.
- 3) **Safety part 3.** We want to stay in school! The only way we can do this is to keep the virus out of school by keeping ourselves healthy and minimizing opportunities to spread the disease.
- 4) **Last thing on safety.** To keep our community informed, we have created a new COVID [dashboard](#) which will keep track of all COVID cases by school. The graphic of the dashboard will be updated in real-time and sent community wide every Friday by email and text beginning Friday September 3rd.
- 5) **Back to School Events.** We have many back to school events planned and we are going to do our best to carry them out. Formats will change in some cases as we try to minimize traffic in the school buildings. Please be patient and understand our commitment is to balancing our efforts to get back to “normal” with staying safe and keeping schools open.
- 6) **Fall sports.** Play dates begin next week and all are invited to attend our home games. Masks are required for all indoor events and encouraged everywhere else for those who are unvaccinated. Please follow the same safety guidelines (social distancing, handwashing, etc.) and **do not attend school events if you are ill or have been exposed to COVID.**
- 7) **PAC and Strategic Planning Committees.** We are always looking for parents and community members interested in having a voice in the future of Lake Forest Schools. The meetings of the Strategic Planning and Parent Advisory Committees (PAC) will begin this year on September 21 and 22 respectively. Please check our [web site](#) or call the Central Business Office if you want to participate.

As always, I want to thank you for the honor of serving as your Lake Forest Superintendent. I wish you good health and look forward to seeing you on a Lake Forest campus soon.

Thank you and sincerely,

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