



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

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Greetings Spartan Family!

I hope this letter finds you well and you and your family are as excited about returning to school as we are. I wanted to send out a quick message today to welcome you back to school and point to where you may find any information or assistance you may need as you prepare to return.

For starters I always like to recap the summer and send out a few congratulations. This summer we had literally hundreds of students participate in some form of summer learning. Several hundred students participated in the on-line Spartan Summer Success Academy, over 100 students participated in face to face summer school at Lake Forest High School, Central Elementary School hosted an extended school year program, and about 80 students participated in high dosage tutoring. East Elementary School and WT Chipman also hosted summer school opportunities. Congratulations to all the students and families who took part in summer learning and thank you to the many staff members who supported them.

Next, I want to share the good news that both the Federal and State governments have lifted all limitations for returning to school. This means we are free from the restrictions which were prompted by the pandemic and were in place during the previous three school years. On behalf of everyone here in Lake Forest, I want to thank you for your cooperation over the past three school years as I know it has not been easy. There are safe school recommendations however which you can view by clicking on this [link](#) or going to the COVID information page on our website.

What this means is we are back to the business of expecting all students are in school every day unless they are personally ill or experiencing symptoms. We know that every child has the potential to succeed at the highest level and this year we intend to push our expectations to help every child get the most out of their experience here in Lake Forest. To do this, we need students in school ready to learn just as many days as possible.

Of course, to give every student the best possible chance at success we believe in partnering with families. We view parents and other family members as vital participants in student's education and are always open for input, suggestions, and participation. So, I challenge you to be a part of your student's school year as much as you can and feel free to contact any member of the staff if you have questions or feel like your child has needs which are not being met.

I never want to share a message without passing on some very important functional information, so here goes....

Thursday, September 1	Transition day for grades 4,6, and 9 <i>Meet your Teacher Day</i> in the afternoon
Friday, September 2 and Monday, September 5	Schools Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday, September 6	First official day of school for all students
Tuesday, September 13	No school for students for Election Day
Saturday, October 1	I Love Lake Forest Day at Lake Forest High School

The final thing I want to mention is that as a district we are leaning into the 21st century and embracing technology as our primary means of communication. I have included a couple of QR codes at the bottom of this letter to make accessing our [website](#) and smartphone app easier. Please take advantage of these resources to stay informed about happenings around our schools and our District.

Our Vision for the Lake Forest School District is to be the *Model of Excellence in Education*. Never before has it been more important for us to exemplify this and serve our community of learners in the way they truly deserve. We stand ready to do this and know you are ready to partner with us as well. I look forward to serving you this year and I look forward to seeing you on a Lake Forest Campus soon.



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