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To All Parents/Guardians of Lawrence County Students:

As you know, we published a survey for each of you. While there were many questions that provided us valuable information, the question with the greatest impact centered around which instructional option that you preferred for your student. Here are the results of that question:

- 40.9% selected the non-traditional, or stay-at-home, option.
- 39.5% selected the traditional, or in-person/at-school, option.
- 19.6% selected the hybrid, or alternating home/school, option.

With these results, we are eliminating the hybrid option. Moving forward, parents/guardians have 2 options for educating their students in the 2020-2021 school year. Now, students will attend 5 days a week for in-person, at-school classes (or full time at school). OR, students will attend 5 days a week using an NTI-like system (or full time at home). We will continue planning for the upcoming school year based on the selections you made in last week's survey. If you selected the hybrid option, you will be contacted by someone from your school so you may select one of the two remaining options that works best for you and your family.

There is one more important note. **If you selected the NTI/at home option, your student MUST stay at home until Christmas.** We will need the two-week break at Christmas to plan for changes, if students are added for in-person instruction.

Next, we will continue planning using the results of this survey, the results of staff surveys, and the guidance documents released by the Kentucky Department of Public Health and the Kentucky Department of Education. You will be informed as final decisions are made. Here is a timeline of decisions and information that has been released so far.

Timeline of Important Actions for Opening Lawrence County Schools

- **June 24, 2020** – Governor Andy Beshear released the “Guidance on Safety Expectations and Best Practices for Kentucky Schools,” which is the main guidance document for opening Kentucky schools in the fall. (Document: https://education.ky.gov/comm/Documents/Safety%20Expectations_FINAL%20DOC.pdf)

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- **June 30, 2020** – The Lawrence County Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 School Calendar, which has the first day of school for students on August 26, 2020 (Document: https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/783208/Updated_2020-2021_School_Calendar.pdf)
- **July 2, 2020** – The parent/guardian survey closed.
- **July 3, 2020** – The teacher/certified staff survey was published and was set to close on July 7, 2020.
- **July 6, 2020** – The official decision to allow only 2 options for student attendance in the 2020-2021 school year was communicated. Students may attend school either full time at school or full time at home. The hybrid option was eliminated. Also, parents and guardians were informed that all “at-home” students must participate from home until Christmas break.

Finally, there are numerous decisions in upcoming weeks. We will have to decide on how to provide at home instruction, how to transport students, how to provide breakfast/lunch, how to schedule students during the school day, and much more. You will be informed as more details are available. We appreciate your patience and appreciate your being...

All In,

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