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To All Parent/Guardians of Lawrence County Students:

As we get closer to our start date of August 26<sup>th</sup>, I believe that we can all agree on the following: Guidance, recommendations, and requirements change very quickly. With this in mind, I am providing you with some updates that are related to the opening of Lawrence County Schools and that are “current” as of this moment (3:30 PM on August 21, 2020).

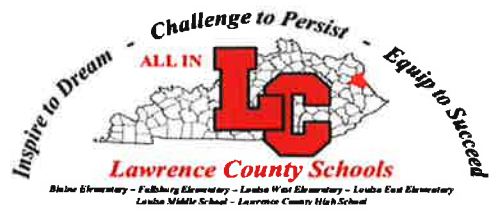
### Starting the Year:

- All students will begin school in an online setting on August 26, 2020.
- ***If permitted***, all students that selected “Option 1” will be allowed to attend “in-person” classes at their respective schools on September 28, 2020.
- The staff of each school has been scheduling opening activities for this week and next week (such as drive though registration, Chromebook pick-ups, etc.).
- We ordered \$400,000 worth of new Chromebooks in early June. Unfortunately, we do not have those Chromebooks due to a nationwide shortage. (For example, I could not buy a personal Chromebook at Walmart this week, because they were not in stock.) We are sending out what we have available, and we will send out the new Chromebooks as soon as they are delivered to us.
- Please complete all online registrations on Infinite Campus. We reduced the number of “hard copy” forms. This should decrease you time for filling out paperwork.

### Breakdown of Instructional Options

- **Option 1: ALL IN @ School:** This option was selected by 57.8% of our population. However, to start the school year, these students will work at home just like the students in Option 2. As recommended by the Governor, the Option 1 students will have the opportunity to go “in-person” on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Breakdown of Instructional Options (continued)**

- **Option 2: ALL IN @ Home:** This option was selected by 32.2% of our population. This group of students will remain in an “at-home” setting through the first semester, and each student will have access to his/her teacher for instruction.
- **Option 3: ALL IN @ LC Virtual:** This option was selected by 10.0% of our population. This group of students will work at home using a “stand alone” program to receive instruction. Teachers will monitor progress ONLY. The students in this group will remain in this option for at least one year.

### **Food Service**

- Our food service program will begin on August 26, 2020.
- Current federal guidelines will allow us to feed ALL students that are enrolled in the Lawrence County School System ONLY. We are asking federal officials for permission to feed all children, 18 and under, but at the time of publication of this letter, we can ONLY feed students enrolled in our school system.
- The Lawrence County Board of Education members are also looking into options to expand food services to other children in our county.
- We will deliver food to our students, no matter the option that you have chosen. We are basing our deliveries on the results of the ALL IN Learning Contracts that each person should have completed over the past two weeks.

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### Status of Fall Sports

- The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (or KHSAA) is the governing body for middle and high school athletics.
- KHSAA's Board of Controls voted to begin official practice on August 24<sup>th</sup>. (In a "normal" school year, the first official practice happens on July 15<sup>th</sup> for fall sports.)
- The first competitions can begin during the week of September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The Governor still has the final decision-making authority during this time. He could make recommendations that would block the start of fall sports, much like he has with the start of the academic school year. (No recommendations pertaining to sports have been made by the Governor as of 3:30 PM on Friday, August 21, 2020.)
- This impacts all fall sports in the middle school and high school settings.

In closing, we will offer in-person learning as soon as possible. For now, we hope to have the best online start to school that we can possibly have. I ask that you be patient and send us any questions that you may have. We will do our best to answer each.

Thank you for everything that you do for the students of Lawrence County. Thank you for being...

All In,

Robbie L. Fletcher, EdD