

Lebanon Public Schools

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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

It is Labor Day weekend, which means our first day of school is right around the corner! We are excited to be welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 8, after having been away since mid-March.

Opening Reminders/Updates

We are starting with in the Hybrid Model. Students whose parents have opted them for distance learning, will login for classes per each school's schedule. For the first week, Cohort A students will report to school on Tuesday and Cohort B students will have distance learning. All students will distance learn on Wednesday. For Thursday and Friday, Cohort B students will come to school and Cohort A students will have distance learning. We will operate on the Early Release schedule. We will monitor how the opening goes and hope to be back to in school instruction by the end of September or the beginning of October.

Masks are required for staff and students. The guidance has been changing on masks for Pre-K students. Right now, masks are encouraged. We anticipate masks for Prep-K will become a requirement. We will let you know when this happens.

We will run all buses, so there will be fewer students on the buses during hybrid. In some cases where we used smaller buses, we switched to the larger buses to have more space to spread students out. Masks are required on the buses. We will not have monitors on the buses as originally planned.

Fire Drills and Safety Drills will occur this year as long as schools have not been closed. Students and staff will wear masks during drills. Social distancing will be maintained when it does not interfere with safely conducting the drill. For example, during a fire drill students will not be required to maintain 6 feet distancing when evacuating the school, but will spread out once safely away from the building.

This school year may see several changes as events unfold. Our commitment to our students, staff and families remains steadfast. Teachers, IAs and administrators just completed a week of professional development and preparations. We are striving to provide a rewarding and challenging educational program for all students through a variety of strategies in a situation that we know is difficult for students, parents/guardians and educators. We have appreciated the cooperation, collaboration and understanding of our students and their parents/guardians. We are in this TOGETHER.

Have a wonderful Labor Day holiday. I hope you are able safely celebrate with family and friends. I am very much looking forward to seeing our students back in school on Tuesday.

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