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LPS Families,

This afternoon, we would like to share with you our extensive *LPS Return to Learn* re-entry plan that will take effect with the start of the 2020-2021 school year on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. We cannot thank our students, families, staff, Board of Education, administration, and community enough for your engagement, flexibility, and patience throughout these past few months, as we have been committed to addressing the needs of all of our families and have done so by keeping our students and staff safe and healthy. Earlier today, Dr. Tucker recorded a brief video message for staff and families that can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

As was communicated last week, all students, grades PreK-12, will have the option of either face-to-face learning or virtual learning for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Our Department of Innovation and Learning has put forth a great deal of thought and time into this comprehensive plan, which has included a tremendous amount of collaboration and engagement with many stakeholders throughout the process. To view the *LPS Return to Learn* document that has been developed for all families PreK-12, [click here](#).

Throughout the spring and into the summer, our *LPS Re-entry Task Force* has been focused on developing a framework around the various elements that go into providing our students and staff with a safe and healthy return for the 2020-2021 school year. A document is available for viewing that includes procedures and guidelines for families and may be accessed by [clicking here](#). *Please note that this document is being updated regularly, with the next update expected next week.*

We encourage our families to review this information and determine whether the face-to-face learning option or the virtual learning option would serve your child and family better. Upon making a decision, **we ask that you complete the *student census*, providing us with the option you choose for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. The student census will be delivered to each student's parent/guardian in a separate email either later today or tomorrow.**

We fully understand that families will have many questions leading up to the start of the new school year. LPS is committed to providing regular informational updates in our various outlets leading up to the new school year. Our family engagement tool, *Let's Talk*, has also been updated to focus solely on our *LPS Return to Learn* efforts. If you have questions in the coming weeks, we encourage you to visit this portal, which can be accessed by [clicking here](#). Another tremendous resource for families is our [LPS website](#), which now has a dedicated page that provides a one-stop-shop for information.

In closing, we must continue to remind our students, families, staff, and community that this continues to remain a very fluid situation. We remain in lockstep with the Clay County Public Health Center and other health officials. If the need arises in the coming weeks for us to alter any of our plans for August,

we will communicate with you in a timely manner.

We thank the many individuals who have poured so much time and effort into this work to *Return to Learn* at Liberty Public Schools. We also cannot thank our students, staff, and families enough for the patience and flexibility to get to this stage in our journey. We are confident this work will pay off, regardless of the obstacles and challenges that are likely to come our way.

We hope you have a nice remainder of the week, and we look forward to connecting with you soon!

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