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August 24, 2020

Dear LCS Family and Friends,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer! I do want to thank you all for your continued patience as we have been working very hard to prepare for a safe start to the school year for students, staff, and you! This letter will outline a few of the larger changes for this school year. Please refer to the Covid-19 handbook that has been posted online for much additional information. We will also be posting our student handbooks and more online prior to the start of the year and will send home hard copies if you let us know that is your preference.

Opening of School

- Sept 8 – Kindergarten, Grade 3, and Functional Life Skills/Autism program only
- Sept 9th – First Grade, Second Grade, and Functional Life Skills/Autism program only
- Sept 10th – Fourth Grade, Fifth Grade, and Functional Life Skills/ Autism program only
- Sept 11th – Kindergarten through Grade Five. (All students except for PK)
- Pre K Screening appointments will occur as scheduled individually.

Masks

- Masks are required for students staff and anyone else with business within the schools.
- Pre- K guidance was just released late last week, so more specific information will be forthcoming to those parents of PK students.

Arrival

- Parent Drop off will be in the far circle (formally the bus drop off circle) by the pond. Drop off can begin no earlier than 7:45 a.m. (See map below)
- Parents will remain in their cars and students will exit on the curb side. There will be staff on duty to assist.
- Busses only will enter the first traffic circle for drop off and we will be unloading one bus at a time
- All students and staff will enter via the main entrance and each school will have a thermal camera which will identify anyone with a fever. Students with a fever will be isolated (under supervision naturally) and will be sent home with further instructions regarding when they may return to school. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your child home if they are ill.

Breakfast

- Students eating breakfast at school will be directed by staff on duty where to report to pick up and eat their breakfast.
- Locations have been identified and spaced appropriately for breakfast. Once breakfast is complete, students will report to their classrooms.
- Students who are not eating breakfast will report directly to their classrooms as usual.

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Limited Transitions

- As much as possible, students will remain in their classrooms and not travel (for example, to start the year all specialists will be travelling to the students classrooms)
- Transitions that are necessary are scheduled to limit the number of people in the hallway at any given time

Lunch/Snack/and Mask Breaks (and universal green X)

- Students will be assigned a regular lunch room, where 6 feet of Social Distancing has been arranged. The same is true for snack breaks and mask breaks. Other locations within classrooms and throughout the building will be marked with green x's so that students and staff know where they can take a mask break when needed.

Recess

- Different Areas of the playgrounds will be coned off and teams will work out a rotation so that over time, students will access to all areas of the playground that they have had in the past. Classes will not intermingle with other classes and will have plenty of room for social distancing.

Proper Weather Gear

- Although we've planned for indoor recess and indoor mask breaks as needed, we do plan to be outside as often as possible.

Dismissal

- As with arrival, parents will need to wait in their cars in the pickup/dropoff circle. Staff will approach, confirm identity, and radio in for your children to come out to meet you. Naturally this will take more time, but we appreciate your patience as we work through this process. **To start off the year, parental pick up will begin at 2:00p.m.**
- As always, thank you for driving slowly and safely as this is a new routine for everyone.

I'm sure that you do or will have a number of other questions. Please feel free to email me and I will respond in as timely a fashion as possible. I have thought, over thought, and thought some more about new routines and procedures, schedules, and more to meet Maine CDC and Maine Department of Education Guidelines and I'm sure that I haven't thought of everything. That is why we have designed the staggered reopening of schools, to allow us to make necessary adjustments once the schedule goes live. If conversations with your child lead to any questions or concerns, please do let us know so that we can address any concerns as soon as possible.

I also want to thank my Assistant Principal, Debra Rodrigue, and my fellow administrators and directors who have toured each other's buildings and helped to problem solve throughout the summer to get ready for our reopening. Who would have thought that yardsticks would come back into fashion!

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Please know that we will be actively monitoring and adjusting routines throughout the day as needed, so if we are a little slower than normal in responding to calls or emails at the start of the year, please understand that we will be out and about in our buildings checking on the well being of your children and our staff.

Stay safe, be well, and be kind to yourself and to others.

Sincerely,

Robert Kahler, Principal



Please remember to refer to the District Covid 19 handbook for more detailed information on school and district plans and contact the schools or central office with any questions!

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