



Good Afternoon LPS Families,

August 20, 2020

We would like to update you on a few items, as we continue our preparations for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

We are excited to share with you some important back-to-school updates, which will be emailed by our school principals on or before this Friday. Families can expect to receive these key updates that will address several back-to-school questions you may have at this time. Our school administrators are pleased to share details about Chromebooks, school supplies, remote learning schedules, start of the year activities and more.

From the LPS Communications Office, we are happy to share information regarding two new communications tools for parents and staff. **Please see the attached flyer** for all of the details on:

- Our new notification system subscription option, which allows parents, family and community members to sign up to receive school eblasts from any school in the district. ***Parents and guardians will continue to automatically receive notifications from their school and the district***, but this feature is for those who may want to stay up-to-date on any other school(s) in the district. Feel free to share the information with friends and family members who may be interested in receiving our communications.
- The second tool is a fully integrated mobile app through our webhost, Blackboard. Parents and guardians will be able to conduct most school business via a smartphone by using our new app! It's a handy way to track lunch accounts, Parent Connect, calendars, etc., all in one spot. Again, please see the attached flyer for details on how to download and log-in to the new app.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience as we continue to fine-tune our plans for this unique school year. We are beyond excited to welcome our students, staff and families back to Livonia Public Schools! Our teams have prepared, are implementing and are ready to execute our plan. Together, we will make this a great school year despite the challenges that are before us. Let's remain positive and approach this year with a spirit of strength, encouragement and a belief in one another... our students are depending on us to lead the way.

Wishing you a great day,

Andrea Oquist, Superintendent