



*The vision of the Lake Forest School District is to be the model of excellence in education.*

Hello Spartan Family!

July 16, 2020

I hope this letter finds you well and thoughts of returning to school are beginning to creep into your mind! As you know, schools across our nation were only able to complete approximately 75 percent of the 2019-2020 school year face to face. The remaining part of the year was spent in an online, continuity of learning status, or working from home with paper and pencil. We recognize that the abrupt closure of schools in the spring and the uncertainty about the fall has caused significant disruption and stress for all our families.

While the current crisis in our country causes us to prepare to re-order and reimagine teaching and learning, this crisis cannot become an excuse for failing to maintain excellence or waiver on our commitment to equity for all Lake Forest students. Our students depend on us and we take the immense responsibility of educating and creating opportunities for every student seriously. Although it is not what we could have ever imagined, we will likely begin the 2020-21 school year in an unprecedented way—very likely with new health protocols, physical distancing, and creative scheduling.

I am pleased to share that we are working diligently to create conditions which will both meet the highest standards of teaching and learning and mitigate risks to the lowest possible levels for students and staff alike. Because we are unable to predict the path of the pandemic, however, we need to be flexible to keep the wellbeing of our students and staff firmly at the forefront of our planning. Towards this effort, please complete this linked [survey](#) which will help us best meet your needs.

I will continue to keep you updated as we finalize our plan for student's return to learning this fall. I appreciate your patience and understanding during this process. I also thank you for your continued support and collaboration as we work together to build a comprehensive plan that will meet the needs of every member of our Spartan team.

Thank you and Sincerely,

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