

# LAKE FOREST

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

Greetings Spartan Family!

July 1, 2020

I pray you all are well and dealing effectively with the many challenges which have recently gripped our nation and our communities. I am Steven Lucas, and I am humbled and excited to be your superintendent of schools. Following a career in the Marines, it has been my pleasure to serve in public education as a teacher, assistant principal, and most recently as the Principal of Calvert High School in Prince Frederick, Maryland. Along the way, I have gained a love of learning and a keen appreciation for the importance of building relationships as the cornerstone of a great education. I look forward to serving everyone in the Lake Forest community with all of my heart.

To keep everyone as informed as possible, I would like you to know we are working hard to address several scenarios for opening the 2020-2021 school year. While it is our desire to return to school full-time with as few restrictions as possible, please understand there are many variables and we are still subject to the many restrictions imposed by Covid-19. The last thing we want to do is endanger the health of any of our students, staff, or community members, so we are planning contingencies to mitigate the risks to the best of our ability. I will be sure to correspond as soon as information becomes clear.

In the meantime, it is important for our students to remain ready to learn. Here are a few things you can encourage your student to do over the summer to stay ready:

1. Read print materials- Books, magazines, and comics are fine! Just read!
2. Play educational games online or face to face with the family. Many games cause us to exercise our brain for strategy and creativity (Scrabble, Clue, Chess, etc). Some card games can even help us maintain number fluency.
3. Write (and mail) old fashioned letters. Drop a line to an old friend, relative, or even a government official.
4. Work out. Get some exercise!
5. Plan out your future in a journal. In fact, journal anything.
6. Listen to podcasts.
7. Call or video conference with a friend. Talk to people!
8. Research something and create a winning argument. You think Michael Jordan was better than LeBron James? Pull the data and create an argument!
9. Watch and memorize every episode of "Schoolhouse Rock".
10. Make a "Bucket List". Create a list of 100 things you want to do in the next fifty years.

In closing, I want to let you know how much I look forward to fulfilling the duties as your superintendent in a manner consistent with the professionalism, rigor, and high expectations of all members of our schools and our community. I look forward to meeting each of you and seeing you on campus soon.

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