



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

Greetings Spartan Family!

Thursday night, August 13<sup>th</sup>, the Lake Forest Board of Education approved a plan for returning to school on September 8<sup>th</sup>. In the plan, a group of students will be returning to school in a “hybrid” model where they will be receiving face to face and online instruction, while remaining students are returning to school in an enhanced and improved, fully remote, online version. Your school will be reaching out to you soon to let you know in which model your student will be placed and what will be expected when school starts on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Students who are assigned to the face to face, hybrid model who wish to solely attend school in remote fashion may do so if they have regular, reliable access to the internet.

As schools within the district become more proficient with the hybrid model of instruction, we will be adding more and more students until ultimately all students are experiencing face to face instruction in some form. The goal of this *phasing in* of students from remote to hybrid to ultimately face to face instruction is to bring students into school safely while providing our students the world class experience they deserve. To make this process work, please respond to any information or requests made by your child’s school so your needs can be met.

There will be much more information coming with regards to school this year, but I wanted to take the time to try and let you know what the decision of the Board of Education last night means to you. In short, we will all be starting school in either a hybrid or fully remote manner on September 8<sup>th</sup>, **it will be awesome**, and we cannot wait to give you all of the information you will need to get your student ready to get back to school.

I know this decision falls short of what many members of our community desired. I want to assure you the decision was made with both arduous and meticulous care and in the best interest of how we can serve all of our students safely and effectively. I assure you, we will all come out of this experience knowing no one is more committed to making sure your students receive the education they deserve than your teachers, counselors, support staff, and administrators. I wish you health and safety and look forward to seeing you in person on a Lake Forest Campus soon.

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