



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

Greetings Spartan Family!

I wanted to send out greetings and do a quick check-in after the first week of school. To start, I just want to remind every person associated with Lake Forest Schools that our number one priority is staff and student safety. Our staff has done a great job this first week modeling and enforcing good health practices and we are confident we are minimizing all risks for staff and students. This will continue to be emphasized.

Next, I want to congratulate our students for their great work this week. I have been in every school and dropped in on several Zoom sessions and what I have seen is truly amazing. Attendance and morale are both high and will contribute to our making the most out of this virtual/hybrid/remote experience.

Speaking of attendance, I have had some questions about how attendance is being taken and what counts for attendance. To make it simple, our attendance policy JE has not changed. All students are expected to be in school (physically or virtually) every school day, and when they are not, parents should be sending in a note to their school if the absence is to be excused. While we are in the remote environment, emails, verified by your student's school will suffice. Teachers will take attendance based on a number of factors including participation in Zoom sessions. Because we know some students will not be able to attend live session, students can be credited for being present when participating in asynchronous activities like turning in assignments or communicating with their teacher. Remember, our *Return to School Guide* posted on our website details virtually everything you need to know about attendance and many other issues affecting the school year. I ask you to check this out if you have not done so.

One last thing I wanted to comment on is the DIAA decision to begin Fall Sports and how this affects us here in Lake Forest. While news reports have indicated Fall sports is on, this still has to be approved by the State Board of Education. If and when the State Board rules on DIAAs recommendation, I will send out a communication which will detail what you can expect for Fall Sports.

Finally, I want to ask if you have any questions or concerns, please send them directly to your child's teacher or principal. If you do not get your question answered, call the Central Business Office at 302-284-3020. I assure you we welcome your input and look forward to working together to assure our students get the high-quality education they deserve.

Never before has there been a time like this and never has there been a time when our entire community needs to come together to support our students I look forward to working with each of you towards this effort. I wish you wellness and health and look forward to seeing you on a Lake Forest Campus soon.

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