



THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hello Lake and Pen,

As you have probably heard, our plan is to open our doors and have students in our schools this Fall. The challenge will be to keep the doors open and stay in a “low risk”, or “green” zone. We are hopeful that we can return to some sort of “normal” and get our students rolling and making up for lost time.

I wanted to reach out and ask for your help and understanding so the district will be able to travel certain essential employees in order to support and maintain our schools. These employees include site principals, technology support, special education personnel, and maintenance workers. I can assure you that travel will only be scheduled when deemed essential and employees will abide by district protocols (masks, distancing, etc.).

In addition, we will make sure:

- Supervisors of Essential Workers will communicate with the Principal or Head- Teacher of the school prior to their arrival. The Principal or the Head-Teacher will be responsible for notification of the Village Covid Committee of the expected arrival of the Essential Worker.
- Upon arrival, the Essential Workers will present to the school authority proof of recent testing showing a negative test result.
- While in the community the Essential Worker will abide by Covid Protocols (masks, distancing, etc.)
- Just like students, Essential Workers will be required to health screen prior to entering the school building.
- Travel to or from “high risk” villages will be avoided at all costs.

While our plan is to follow local mandates whenever possible, we will be unable to operate our schools if essential LPSD employees are not allowed in or are required to quarantine upon entry to the village. We ask for your understanding and cooperation when it comes to our essential staff. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to myself (tmase@lpsd.com) or Rick Luthi (rluthi@lpsd.com).

Respectfully,

Ty Mase