

Parents,

August 3, 2020

I want to congratulate our Falcon Softball Team. They earned a third place finish in the class 2A state softball tournament. They represented L-M well in play, character and class. We are proud of you!!

Governor Reynolds provided further direction to schools on reopening after the COVID-19 school closer last March during a press conference last Thursday. The Department of Education then gave additional guidelines to consider if the local community, which includes the school, has community transmission [COVID-19 Guidance and Information page](#). It is imperative to consider this information along with IDPH and CDC recommendations as we finalize plans to start the school year. A list of strategies and protocols that will be implemented in our schools will also be posted prior to the end of this week. We continue to work diligently on establishing procedures that are best for L-M in this ever changing time. To help us in this effort we are emailing out and posting a second survey to the community and staff to get current thoughts from you. The survey will go out before noon today and will end at noon tomorrow, Tuesday, Aug. 4th. You can access the survey by [clicking here](#).

Thursday, August 6th our school board will do a final review of our current Return to Learn Plan, which has been posted. Any changes or modifications to our Return to Learn Model will be made in consideration of current CDC guidelines, local health recommendations, legal advice and staff and community input. By proclamation a school district has two options in reopening, 100% of the student body on-site or a hybrid that all students are on-site at least 50% of the time over a two week period.

We do have our first week of school planned as a staggered start for our students. This will allow us to accomplish things that we would normally have done last spring in addition to introducing students to a 1:1 initiative, educating on COVID-19 protocols and getting reacquainted to school after a long hiatus. We have a 2 hour early out every day the week of August 17 with the following schedule:

Secondary School

Monday, August 17:	7th Grade and Seniors in Attendance
Tuesday, August 18:	8th Grade and Juniors in Attendance
Wednesday, Aug. 19:	Freshman and Sophomores in Attendance
Thursday, August 20:	7th Grade, Freshman and Juniors in Attendance
Friday, August 21:	8th Grade, Sophomores and Seniors in Attendance

Elementary School, K-6

Monday, August 17:	No School for All Students Virtual Meeting Sessions with Parents and Students On-Site Meetings by Appointment
Tuesday, August 18:	Students with the last names starting with A-L in Attendance
Wednesday, Aug. 19:	Students with the last names starting with M-Z in Attendance
Thursday, August 20:	All K-6 Students in Attendance
Friday, August 21:	All K-6 Students in Attendance

* Parents of preschool students please refer to the schedule provided in the district newsletter.

A reminder that we will have a walk-in registration on Tuesday, August 4. If you would like to schedule an individual appointment please call the building office to set up a time. You can also register your students through PowerSchool. Simply login to PowerSchool and select E-Registration on the left-hand menu. If you need help with your PowerSchool account, call Lexi in the district office @ 319-726-3541. The Louisa-Muscatine School District will be offering an online option for the 2020-21 school year. This will require a semester commitment. Contact your child's school principal or the superintendent for more information. You must still complete your children's registration via on-site or online through PowerSchool.

I anticipate that there will be several communications during the next few weeks, so please keep an eye on the distinct website and listen for me with possible messengers between 7:00 and 8:00 pm.

Again, please take the parent survey and let us know your thoughts. You can access that survey here: [Return to Learn Survey](#)

--Mike Van Sickle, Superintendent