



January 7, 2022

Dear LRSD Family:

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we continue to navigate the ongoing challenges and rapidly spreading nature of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. Please know that we do not take lightly our decision to close or to move to virtual school/instruction. LRSD has been in consultation with the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and with the Arkansas Department Education to best determine our next steps.

Due to a significant increase in positive COVID cases and close-contacts impacting students, school staff, transportation and meal service throughout the District, and out of an abundance of caution, LRSD pre-K-12th grade students will continue using AMI days Monday and Tuesday of next week, January 10-11th.

Teachers will work from home Monday and Tuesday as they continue to work with their students through Schoology. Students are required to log into Schoology to complete necessary assignments. Any student who has difficulty accessing assignments should contact his/her teacher or principal. Those who need hot spots may also contact their principal. Additionally, LRSD provides meals for students who are learning virtually. Call your child's school, or the LRSD Child Nutrition Office for meal support – 501-447-2458.

Finally, we learned earlier today of new quarantine guidelines. LRSD K-12 will follow these shortened guidelines as set forth by ADH. Pre-K guidance is still pending.

Please remember that it takes all of us working in partnership to ensure safe, healthy schools, as well as our students' success. This includes following mask and social distancing guidelines, staying home if you are sick, and getting the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccines are available for individuals ages 5 and up.

The District and its Point of Contact (POC) team meets regularly and will continue to monitor developments. We will provide updates on Monday and follow up if we believe any additional AMI days are needed. Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mike Poore
Superintendent of Schools