Greetings LRSD Parents:

As I send this note before Monday’s official start to the 2020-21 school year, I hope that you are all well and safe. We approach this school year with pride in the collaborative effort that has been made by the LRSD staff and certainly, with the support of our community. We know this past week heightened anxiety as we modified our delivery for the first week of school. We are pleased to share that the Little Rock Education Association (LREA) has voted to physically be in classrooms as we start the school year. We believe that when our staff and our community work together we can overcome any challenges, and we are looking forward to a successful start to the school year.

Here are key facts to share about week one:

- Pre-K students will have in-person instruction M-F.
- Virtual students are expected to log in starting on Monday and should have received additional instructions in a letter via ParentLink earlier today. **Contact your principal if you did not receive your letter.**
- In-person students will report according to alphabetized last names, beginning with A-M on Monday.
- In-person students with alphabetized last names beginning with N-Z will stay home Monday and report to school on Tuesday.
- In-person A-M students report on Thursday and N-Z are at home.
- In-person N-Z students report on Friday and A-M are at home.
  - If a student comes to school on a day when he or she is not scheduled, the school staff should still allow the student to attend. Households with students with different last names and attending the same school will be encouraged to use the last name of the oldest child to determine the day of attendance.
- Buses will run according to schedule next week, every day except Wednesday. **(No students attend in-person on Wednesday and deep cleaning will take place.)**
  - Any bus rider who has not received his/her route may call the transportation phone bank 501-447-4165.
  - Any changes to an address or school assignment made after June 26, 2020 will not receive transportation until September 3rd. If this is the case, you may contact the transportation coordinator at the assigned school to see if there is an existing stop close to your address.
- Breakfast and lunch will be served all five days to in-person and virtual students. The schedule for Grab-N-Go meals for virtual students will be on school websites. Breakfast and lunch will be available for all students even on Wednesday. (Parents of virtual students have been asked to complete a survey expressing their intention to participate in meal service. The survey was sent via ParentLink.)
- Parents or students needing tech support may access help through [this link](#).
- Parents who have registration challenges, please email SRO@lrsd.org.

The start of the new school year is always one of excitement. I believe in our community and what we will accomplish through the “Power of US.” Let’s all continue our work together, let’s all learn, and let’s all focus on our kids. Keep wearing our masks, practicing social distancing, and remaining vigilant about our handwashing, so we can all be safe. Thanks for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Mike Poore
Superintendent of Schools