

# LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

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RE: District Update # 2

Good Afternoon Families:

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to refine our educational plan in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. We continue to follow the guidelines set forth by the [Centers for Disease Control](#), the [Ohio Department of Health](#), and the [Franklin County](#) and [Licking County](#) Health Departments.

I am pleased to report that due to waivers from the USDA, we will be able to provide breakfast and lunch for students in need at 15 offsite pickup locations throughout the district. We anticipate these supplemental meals will be delivered via school bus at approximately 10 a.m. March 17 – March 20, and March 30 – April 3. We thank our transportation and food service departments for their swift cooperation in organizing this effort. Please contact [GParsons@LHSchools.org](mailto:GParsons@LHSchools.org) if your child has a special dietary consideration.

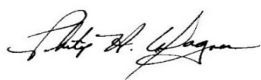
Summarizing our communication from this morning: Licking Heights will be open and in session for students Monday, March 16; however, the buildings will be closed to all students (including athletic and extracurricular activities) Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, April 3 and impacts preschool through grade 12. It is our expectation schools will reopen Monday, April 6, contingent upon further direction from the Governor. Our district staff will be thoroughly cleaning buildings, buses, including high touch areas during this closure.

Specific to individual buildings, parents and students will receive communication from their principals and teachers regarding instruction no later than the end of the day Monday, March 16. Additional updates will be provided throughout the break. We need your full cooperation with this endeavor because we will be operating on an extended break and Governor DeWine has asked us to maintain learning during this period of time. This is important because if education continues in an alternative format, there will NOT be a requirement to make up days in June. Note that a distance learning day will not mirror an in-school day. Traditional class hours and coursework may be adjusted.

Also as a correction, **the eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. is NOT cancelled**, but we are preparing for a potential cancellation depending upon additional direction from the state or federal government (e.g., travel restrictions). My apologies for the error in this morning's message. This week has been dynamic and I did not catch the error in the flurry of messages. Additionally and as a summary, the high school musical and district art show have been postponed (but not cancelled), but the band's upcoming trip to Orlando has been cancelled as Disney World has been closed through the end of March.

We will continue to provide information as this situation develops. Please watch your email, the district's website and/or social media pages for updates. Thank you for your cooperation and flexibility during this challenging time.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent