



LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Families:

I want to officially welcome all our existing families, as well as, our new families to the 2021/22 school year!

Each family should have already received a copy of each school building welcome letter. If you have not already received a copy, please contact each respective building principal for a copy of the letter. These letters contain important information specific to each building.

As we begin the new school year we are welcoming many new students and families. In fact, our school district is still one of the fastest growing in Ohio. Once the new school year begins and things settle, I will provide an update about future planning and our strategic look forward to address such rapid student enrollment increases. Watch for updates to be released as early as this September.

New this fall is our conversion to two technology platforms, PowerSchool and Schoology. The buildings will provide specific details about the platforms, but both are being adopted to provide more support and options for students, families and staff.

For the new school year we are in-person, five days per week. Additionally, masks are strongly recommended for staff and students for all school functions, but are not required except on school buses. Regarding school buses, a federal order issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is in place until September 13, 2021 that requires masks to be worn by anyone riding on public transportation, including school buses.

Since my August 6 letter there have been some minor updates to the Ohio Department of Health's Guidelines and Fact Sheet. Click the following for more information [ODH Guidelines](#) and the [Fact Sheet](#). Also, attached is another copy of our local 2021/22 COVID-19 General Procedures. Within these documents you will see references to "*layered prevention strategies*." As a school district, we are focused on such preventions. There are too many to list within this letter, but some examples include: cleaning, sanitizing and hand washing; seating charts; hallway transitions; students who choose to wear masks; etc. Again, these are examples and we ask you help us follow layered preventions to enhance the safety of our staff and students.

I again want to welcome you to the new school year. On a personal note, I am beginning my 11th year as superintendent. It is an honor to serve this community, but none of this would be possible without the support of our staff, families and community. I look forward to the future and continued enhancements within the school district.

Sincerely,

Philip H. Wagner, Ph.D.
Superintendent