



News & Notes

A newsletter from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Galluzzo

Following the Board of Education Meeting of Aug. 4, 2020

Our Movie Debut VIDEOS

Many thanks to the staff members who star in these videos illustrating various protocols for our re-opening. Stay tuned, more to come!

ATHLETICS

The Fall season is expected to start on Sept. 21, and we're taking social distancing and safety measures to proceed with everyone's well-being in mind. Plus, the new gym floor looks great! See it in the video message from Athletic Director Daryl Besant [HERE](#).

BUS PROTOCOLS

Cleaning, sanitizing and social distancing are just as important on the bus as in the classroom. Bus driver Bev Rosario and bus attendant Sue Stevenson walk us through the routine on their summer special education bus run. All buses will follow these cleaning and distancing protocols this Fall. Watch [HERE](#).

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Hello Everyone,

We continue to work on the details of our re-opening plan as we await Governor Cuomo's decision later this week on whether schools can reopen.

The Board of Education on Tuesday night convened a work session to discuss our District plan. We highlight several aspects in this edition of News & Notes. In this edition you also will find links to informational

videos we are creating to illustrate various aspects of re-opening.

There are some interesting numbers involved in reopening. For instance:

- To date, the District has spent \$137,610.77 in personal protection gear and other expenses related to COVID-19 supplies and preparations. This includes:
- 400 N95 masks,
- 385 face shields,
- 20 cases of concentrated disinfectant solution,
- 3500 Eagle logo face-coverings and 8750 disposable masks,
- 17 thermal temperature scanners for building entrances (4 at the High School; 3 at the Middle School; 2 at AJ Schmidt, Highland, JT Waugh and Hoag, and 2 for the Transportation Center
- as well as hundreds of transparent "cubbie shields" for additional protection during lunch, signage, "clean buckets," and new, upgraded air filters for classrooms and school buses,
- and also a web-based visitor management system that scans visitors' licenses and generates a visitor badge with their photo. This will help us track who is in the building and when they are in the building. Please note, as part of our reopening protocols, visitors must have an appointment and complete a questionnaire regarding presence of any symptoms and recent travel history.

In the upcoming days, we will continue to share and update things you need to know regarding the status and planning for reopening school. We also will continue collecting questions about reopening at reopening@lscsd.org and posting quick videos about reopening at lakeshorecsd.org.

Sincerely,
Dr. Charles Galluzzo, Superintendent



EVERYONE gets an Eagle face-covering when school resumes. These masks have adjustable loops for proper fit and an inner pocket where you can insert a folded coffee filter for extra protection.

They're durable and very easily cleaned -- just toss them in the laundry OR hand wash.

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VIDEOS

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FACE- COVERINGS ...

When are they required, how are they properly worn, how do we prevent them from getting lost or misplaced during the day ... A.J. Schmidt Principal Jill Clark and her volunteer "class" cover all this and more [HERE](#).

DON'T TOUCH THIS

... Christine Starks, Building/Program Administrator at WT Hoag, demonstrates how to manage a lav visit without touching sink handles or door handles - or anything you don't want to - [HERE](#).

STAND BACK ... social distancing calls for standing back about six feet when entering an office. No more leaning against the counter! Middle School Assistant Principal Katy Berner-Wallen shows how it's done [HERE](#).

TEMPERATURE CHECKS ...

Students will have their temperatures checked every day. High School Principal Christine Koch and her volunteers demonstrate the process and protocols [HERE](#).



Highlights from the BOE Discussion

Why is Monday our no-report day for students instead of Wednesday? Other districts are using Wednesday as a break for deep cleaning.

Whether the no-report day for students is Monday or Wednesday is irrelevant because our buildings will be deep cleaned (we call it "enhanced cleaning") every day. Lake Shore selected Monday as a remote day for all students so attendance would not be interrupted by Monday holidays. This also avoids impacting child care routines for families. It also allows teachers to prepare and plan for the upcoming week.

How, and how often, will students complete the confirmation screening questions regarding fever, travel, etc.?

Currently, the Department of Health says it should be done 'periodically.'

We await a more specific definition of 'periodically.' Whether this will be a paper-based process or online is still being discussed. Whenever a student presents with a temperature above 100 degrees they will be screened by the school nurse.

Please explain a little more about the staff/student temperature checks.

Everyone who enters our buildings will pass a no-touch, thermal temperature screener. If the temperature reads high, it will pinpoint an image (it is an image, not a photo) of the person. The person will be asked to wait for five minutes and then their temperature will be taken again. If it still reads high, they will go to the school nurse for another temperature check and completion of the questionnaire regarding fever, travel, etc. [Here's](#) a quick peek at the scanner screen.

Four Hourly Air Changes

There are four air changes in classrooms every hour, Director of Facilities John Wilson told the Board of Education Tuesday night.

"Our air exchange system brings air in from outside so fresh air is circulating," he said. "There are univents in every classroom that run constantly bringing in air from the outside." These air exchanges result in classroom air being changed completely every 15 minutes.

In addition, the District purchased merv13 grade air filters, a premium air filter. Schools are supposed to provide 15 cubic feet per minute (CFM) air flow per student. Our univents provide between 800 -1000 CFM, which means 50-60 CFM per student, assuming 25 students in a FULL classroom, which surpasses recommendation.

Board
of Education
Meeting:

Tues., Aug. 11
4 pm: Regular
Meeting
5 pm: Board
Retreat

What does deep cleaning involve?

Enhanced ("deep") cleaning protocols when buildings are occupied include disinfecting stairwell railings, door handles/crash bars, water fountains (for filling water bottles, there will be no drinking from fountains), elevator buttons, and restrooms (handles, faucets, countertops, sinks, toilets, hand dryers).

EPA-approved disinfectant wipes or EPA-approved disinfectant solution are used.

When buildings are not occupied, enhanced cleaning protocols (every night and again on Saturday), starts with soap and water cleaning of all hard surfaces and high touch surfaces.

Then tables, desks and countertops are disinfected with the EPA-approved product.

Also disinfected are: light switches, phones, keyboards, door handles, and, in the restrooms, handles, faucets, countertops, sinks, toilets and hand dryers.

This is followed by disinfecting water fountains, door handles/crash bars, and stairwell railings.

What happens if a student or staff member presents with Covid-19 symptoms at school?

They will be referred to the school nurse for a temperature and symptom check. If it is determined that they are ill, they will be isolated in a designated area, accompanied by a staff member in full PPE, until they can be picked up and taken home.

Will the person have to go home? Will they have to be tested for Covid-19?

Anyone with a temperature will have to go home and not return until the fever has cleared. They will be advised to contact their primary health care provider and follow their instructions regarding testing.

What if the student or staff member has a confirmed case of Covid-19?

The school nurse and/or building principal will notify the Director of Health Services, who then contacts the Erie County Department of Health. The Health Commissioner will be consulted for appropriate actions to be taken. The District will follow those recommendations/requirements and coordinate with the Health Commissioner regarding the eventual return to school of persons with confirmed Covid-19.

Calendar NOTE ...

The Board of Education at its Aug. 11 meeting is expected to designate Monday-Thursday before Labor Day as Superintendent's Conference Days.

Students would begin school on September 8.