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March 15, 2021

Dear LPS Middle School Families,

Beginning April 28, 2021, families with students in grades 6 through 8 will be able to receive full-time, in-person instruction or full-time remote instruction. The current Hybrid model (for students in Cohorts A & B) in grades 6-8 will no longer be offered after April 28, 2021.

All families who want to change their child's current placement (RLA, PBLA, or Hybrid) must complete this brief [learning model form](#) to indicate which model they prefer for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. If families have multiple children, they should complete a form for each child. This [learning model form](#) must be received by 6:00 p.m., on March 25, 2021. Due to the scheduling complexities and the short time remaining in the school year, there will be no changes permitted after this date.

If your child is currently in the Hybrid learning model, and we do not receive a response, your child will automatically be enrolled in full-time, in-person learning. If your child is currently in the Remote Learning Academy (RLA) and we do not receive a response, your student will automatically continue enrollment in full-time remote learning. If your child is currently in the Project Based Learning Academy (PBLA) and we do not receive a response, your student will automatically continue enrollment in full-time remote learning in the PBLA.

There are no guarantees your child will have the same team, teachers, or homeroom cohort. This is true even if you are choosing to stay with the model in which you are currently enrolled. Of course, we will always do our best to minimize changes as much as possible.

The following parameters and expectations will be established for the April 28, 2021 full-time, in-person return for students in grades 6-8:

- LPS busses will run at full capacity (bus ridership as reflected prior to March 2019). Families who need to register for LPS bus transportation can do so [here](#).
- The school day will begin at 8:00 a.m. (with arrival from 7:45 - 8:00 a.m.) and end with a dismissal at 1:40 p.m. Monday-Thursday. LPS is currently reviewing Friday middle



school dismissal times and will follow up with families soon. Students in RLA and PBLA will also have their days adjusted to reflect the 8:00 a.m. - 1:40 p.m. times.

- Students will still be able to participate in a variety of unified arts classes, although the makeup of these classes may be changed.
- For all students, the second trimester will be extended until the full return date (April 28). At that time, students will receive their new, full return schedule, including any new third trimester courses. Second trimester report cards will be available the week of May 3rd. Your school will provide more details about how and when you can view student report cards.
- Students who receive special education services and general education interventions will continue to receive these services, although they may look different than what is currently being delivered. Once the schedules have been finalized your child's liaison and/or counselor will reach out to discuss any impact on services.
- We will continue to keep students in homeroom cohorts, and we will minimize the need for hallway transitions as much as possible.
- We will make every effort to maintain social distances greater than 3 feet, along with other risk mitigation strategies. Masks will continue to be required on school grounds.
- During lunch all students will be six feet apart when unmasked and eating. Students will eat their lunch in classrooms, outside, and in other large indoor spaces. More than one classroom of students may eat in open spaces, provided 6 foot physical distances are maintained.
- It is the expectation that windows in classrooms will be open for additional ventilation and safety. Principals will verify that this practice is occurring on a regular basis.
- It is the expectation that whenever possible, outdoor spaces will be used for lunch, class activities, physical education, and recess. Principals will verify that this practice is occurring on a regular basis.