

LTSD Virtual Town Hall

2022-2022 School Year

Wednesday, August 10, 2022
6:00pm

Welcome-Interim Superintendent Mr. Rushefski

Tonight's Virtual Town Hall Meeting—an opportunity to preview the plans to open school for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Most Normal Opening of School, Returning to Traditional Teaching/Learning
- Topics to be addressed:
 - Health and Safety Plans & Virtual Learning School Days
 - Busing and Transportation
 - Dress code for School
 - School Safety
 - Cafeteria and School Meals
 - MMS Focus Messaging Update and REMIND Communications Ending
 - LTEC and LTHS and Special Education
 - Communication Chain
 - Question and Answer

Health and Safety Planning

- Masking: Students and staff will be encouraged, but not required, to wear a properly fitted mask during instructional hours while inside the building. And, when the number of positive cases in the district is high, the Superintendent could make the determination to require masks
- Social distancing: Maintaining physical/social distancing for students and employees when practical
- Proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be encouraged
- Our maintenance staff will continue to clean, disinfect, and sanitize the facilities, and our HVAC systems
- “Five-and-Five” day (i.e. 5/5) quarantine cycle for individuals who test positive for COVID-19. Positive cases will quarantine at home for five days and return to in-person activities on day 6-10 with required wearing of a properly fitted mask, regardless of the current universal masking status. If a student/family chooses not to wear a properly fitted mask during days 6-10, they will be required to quarantine from in-person activities for the full 10 days beyond a positive test result, per CDC guidance.
- At-home tests will be accepted by the school district as proof of positive and/or negative results

Virtual Learning

- LTSD will NOT support a live-synchronous virtual option this school year.
- Virtual Learning will be used during SOME (not all) weather-related closures (ex. 2021-2022) and/or advance notice virtual instruction days.
- LTSD continues to provide a full virtual option through the LT Cyber Academy. Contact your school counselor if you have interest in the LT Cyber Academy.

NOTE: LTSD will continue to use Google Classrooms as a course/class management system.

Bus & Van Transportation

- Bus Routes will be posted on LTSD.org as soon as they are finalized.
- There have been some changes to bus routes, so please read these carefully.
- For the first week of school, please have patience. The buses may arrive slightly earlier or later than the posted schedule. We recommend arriving at your bus stop 10 minutes before the posted schedule until the bus route settles into a routine.

2022-2023 Dress Code

Hoodies are permitted

Collared shirts are not required (i.e. long/short t-shirts are permitted)

No logos larger than 3 x 3

Shorts, dresses, and skirts must be a modest length

No PJs, sweatpants, or athletic pants outside of gym class

HS: Leggings may not be worn without a skirt, shorts, or dress that is of a modest length

No holes/rips in clothing above the knee

All other elements of the LTSD dress code apply

School Safety

- Increase in availability with our School Resource Officer (SRO) Program
 - Now 3 certified SROs on the Dalton Police Force

School Mental Health & Safety and Security Grant - 2 Part Grant Funding

- 1st Half: Focus on Mental Health & Well-Being: Additional human resources
- 2nd Half: Focus on Safety & Security: Recently collaborated with the Pennsylvania State Police to generate a Risk & Vulnerability Report for LTSD. This report recommends facilities upgrades and security measures that would greatly strengthen school safety and security.

Many suggestions from PSP Report have already been implemented and do not require additional grant funding.

Cafeteria & School Meals

End of Universal Free Lunch program

Status from 2022-23 carries over 30 school days (ends October 14th)

Fill out a new application if you did not receive a letter or email stating you have free meals

Universal Free Breakfast remains

Breakfast Prices: Free

Lunch Prices:

LTEC \$2.80

LTHS \$3.00

Call with Questions - Keith Glynn 570-945-5184 Ext 3006

- Barb Cwikla 570-945-5181 Ext 3212

MMS Focus Upgrade

LTSD Has Upgraded it's Student Information System (SIS)

- **MMS Parent Portal** - Access to Grades, Messaging, Contact Information, Schedules, Student Records
- **MMS Parent Portal** will now be **MMS Focus**
- MMS Focus has a website and an App
- Parents will need to migrate their account in order to receive access to student(s) information

MMS Focus Messaging & Remind

Remind Messaging will end: November 27th, 2022

Push notification will be sent via MMS Focus Messaging beginning: November 7th, 2022

Instructions for receiving MMS Focus Messaging

- 1.) Create an MMS Focus Parent Account
- 2.) Associate your account with your student(s)
- 3.) Confirm your contact information (i.e. phone numbers, email addresses, etc.) are accurate
- 4.) Download the MMS Focus Parent App through Google Play or AppStore
- 5.) Log in to the MMS Focus App using your MMS Focus Parent Account credentials
- 6.) Select your preferences for receiving messages
- 7.) Wait for text messages to be sent this fall to confirm your preferences are working as you intend them

Full Instructions will be available at www.ltsd.org in September

Lackawanna Trail Elementary Center

Open Houses:

K-3: Tues. Sept. 6th, 5-6:30pm

4-6: Weds. Sept. 7th, 5-6:30pm

- Dress Code
- Class Assignments - Sent last week
- Morning Arrival
- Dismissal (Bus, Car, College Avenue)
- Return forms by **Tuesday, September 6th**

Lackawanna Trail Jr. Sr. High School

- New Student Orientation - Tues, Aug. 23, 6pm
- Dress Code
- Class Schedules
- 1:1 Chromebook Distribution
- Back-to-School Class Meetings: Sept. 1 -2, during school
- Return Forms by: **Fri. Sept. 16th**
- First day of Mandatory PIAA practices: Mon., Aug. 15th
 - Must have physicals complete before Monday

Special Education Office

- If your student has an IEP, their new case manager will be in contact within the first week of school.
- We will continue with virtual, in-person, and phone conference options for IEP, GIEP, and 504 meetings this year.
- Mrs. Kuchak will be point of contact as Acting Director of Special Education until Miss Talarico's return in October
 - 570-945-5185 ext. 3004
 - kuchaks@ltsd.org
- Upon Miss Talarico's return, Mrs. Kuchak will move into the Director of Curriculum & Federal Programming/Assistant Director of Special Education position

Communication Chain

- **Attendance:** Main office, Dean of Students, Principal
- **Scheduling questions:** Guidance Counselor/Guidance Dept., Principal
- **Locker questions:** HS Main Office
- **Athletics:** Head Coach, Athletic Director, Principal
- **Discipline:** Dean of Students, Principal
- **Special Education:** Classroom Teacher, Case Manager, Director of Special Ed, Principal
- **Medical:** Nurse, Principal, Guidance Office
- **Transportation:** Transportation Director or Main Office

Question & Answer

