



Good Afternoon LPS Community,

We would like to provide you with an important update regarding the anticipated return date to in-person instruction, following discussion with the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education during its regular board meeting on Monday evening.

As you know, the district placed all students on an in-person learning pause just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, per the strong recommendation of the Wayne County Health Department as local and regional COVID-19 cases were sharply rising in our community.

The pause, originally slated to remain in place through Friday, January 15, has now been revised.

Our return to in-person instruction for all students is now set for Monday, January 11, 2021.

At the time of the decision in November, the board and district administration indicated that a sooner return would be considered if the local and regional COVID-19 case data were to show a measured and steady decline. We are now seeing this occur in our area, but we do need to continue a close monitoring of the local data.

District administrators plan to consult with county health department officials early in the week of January 4 and will continue to monitor the trend lines of key metrics. Our Board of Education will then meet to review that data on January 6th to confirm the decision to return on the 11th. It is our sincere desire to return our students to the physical classroom environment and we are hopeful that the data will support this updated return plan.

We continue to be amazed by the resiliency of our students, families and staff as we journey through this highly unusual school year! It is also recognized that many of our students have struggled both academically and emotionally, so we would also like to remind families that LPS staff is standing ready to assist you and your child(ren) with their social-emotional needs and/or academic supports. Please reach out to your child's school staff and/or principal if these supports are needed, or contact the social-emotional support hotline at 734-744-2737 (734-744-2SES) or ses@livoniapublicschools.org.

With the recent start of the vaccine roll-out, we are hopeful that we are approaching the summit of the many challenges that this virus has presented for all. On behalf of our Board and district leadership team, we thank you for continuing to persevere in ways that are truly unbelievable! As we move into 2021, we are proud to do so together as a strong and resilient LPS community.

In partnership with you,
Andrea Oquist
Superintendent

Note: Livonia Virtual students will remain on their current schedule. For families of elementary students who elected for a change in instructional mode (via the form sent in November), you will soon receive a communication regarding your school assignment. For secondary students, the change in placement will occur at the start of the second semester.