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Dear Parent or Guardian:

As we continue to prepare for the start of the school year, I want to provide you with information regarding the first two weeks of in-person instruction, availability of school devices to lend students selecting remote learning, and an opportunity for the community to partner with the District in its effort to deliver instruction this school year and in the future.

On Monday evening, the Board of Education approved a letter of agreement with the teachers' association to begin the school year with half-days of instruction for students through Labor Day (August 24 – September 3.) The district will implement half-days for students for the first two weeks so that school staff can work with students in the morning on the many new health and safety protocols. This will allow staff to meet with building principals in the afternoon to discuss how protocols are working with students make needed adjustments. The half-days for students also provide teachers time in the afternoon to work in grade-level groups or on content areas to plan how to support students in their learning in the event a class or building experiences a short-term closure. Finally, for the first four half-days, Monday 8/24 – Thursday 8/27, only specified groups of students will come to school so that buildings have additional staff to guide students through new protocols and, primarily at the secondary level where we have only two high school counselors, time to work with individual students to ensure they have complete and accurate schedules.

	DOORS OPEN	START TIME	END TIME
LECC	8:47	8:57	12:12
LES	8:27	8:37	11:51
LMS	7:10	7:27	10:40
LHS	7:10	7:20	10:28

	Mon 8/24	Tue 8/25	Wed 8/26	Thu 8/27	Fri 8/28 onward
LECC	KinderStart	Kindergarten	KinderStart	Kindergarten	All Students
LES	Grades 1 & 3	Grades 2 & 4	Grades 1 & 3	Grades 2 & 4	All Students
LMS	Grades 5 & 7	Grades 6 & 8	Grades 5 & 7	Grades 5 & 8	All Students
LHS	12 th Grade	11 th Grade	10 th Grade	9 th Grade	All Students

The district is making every effort to acquire additional devices to lend to families. Unfortunately, we are competing with nearly every school district in the country who have also placed similar orders since last spring. Our first order of sixty devices was filled, a second order of seventy devices was accepted then cancelled, and we currently have an accepted order of one-hundred and fifty devices scheduled for delivery in the next three to five weeks. As backorders are filled, we will have more devices to lend. If you are able, you may have better luck purchasing your own device for your student. The added benefit is that your student would not have to return it to the district at some point in the future.

Schools are working to adapt to this pandemic in ways that will have lasting impact. But now, in this moment, schools and their community must pull together to connect teachers and students electronically. "Availability and Accessibility" - availability of devices on which to learn both in-school and remotely, and accessibility to the Internet must be our common goal. If you are interested in helping Lakewood teachers and students meet this challenge, please contact Superintendent Steve Skalka or Board President Frank Pytlowany. One or both of us would be happy to meet with you.

Thank you for your patience, cooperation, and commitment to staying safe,

Steven C. Skalka, Superintendent



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