## LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear L-S Parents and Guardians,

I sincerely hope that this correspondence finds you and your family doing well and in good health. I would like to thank our students, families, and community for your patience, understanding, and overwhelming support as we navigated the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. I am extremely proud of the way our students, families and staff rose to the many challenges we faced this school year.

The L-S Class of 2020 had a number of amazing commencement events that were made possible due to the support of the entire L-S Community. <u>Dr. Feeney's open letter of thanks</u> summarizes the events and thanks the many folks and organizations that made this special recognition possible for our students. We wish all of our recent graduates the best of luck in the future!

While we all look forward to a "normal" return to our school buildings for the 2020-2021 school year, there are still many unanswered questions regarding our transition to the new school year. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) released <a href="Preliminary Guidance for Phased Reopening of Pre-K to 12 Schools">Pre-K to 12 Schools</a> this past week. This guidance is a starting point for schools to consider in our preparations for the upcoming school year. In the coming weeks, our team will be creating a Health and Safety Plan which will serve as our local guidelines, as required by PDE. We will continue to follow the guidelines outlined in the guidance document, as well as continue to consult with our local health officials to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff.

Please continue to check our <u>website</u> for any updates or information regarding our Health and Safety Plan. An AlertNow phone call will be sent to all families as soon as we have a completed plan posted for your review. Our goal is to post a completed plan as soon as we are able to allow families ample time to plan for the various phases that will be outlined in the plan.

Thank you for your continued patience and support of our students and staff during this unprecedented time. I am proud of the manner in which the L-S community has rallied together to support ALL students. I am confident that regardless of how and when our buildings reopen, we WILL be successful by continuing with the common understanding that...

Kids come first.

We ARE L-S.

We ARE family.

We are ALL in this together!

I wish each of you a safe and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Peart, Ed.D. Superintendent