

LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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“Partnering with students, families, and community to provide opportunities for life-long success through academic excellence and individual growth in a safe and supportive environment.”

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Good evening,

As the Lehigh Area School District continues to develop the reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year we are working diligently to meet the needs of all district students. As an educational community we will continue to rise to the challenge of developing an educational model that continues to deliver an exceptional education for all students.

Today the state issued additional guidance in an effort to help districts prepare for the upcoming school year. The guidance released today from the Department of Education has allowed flexibility in meeting the instructional time requirements as part of their submission for the required Health and Safety Plan. With this guidance we wanted to notify parents and guardians of the PRELIMINARY TIMES OF OPERATION for the school buildings below:

Lehigh Area Elementary Center

Student Drop-off beginning at 8:00 a.m.
Student Pickup beginning at 2:30 p.m.
Instructional Time 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lehigh Area Middle School

Student Drop-off beginning at 8:40 a.m.
Student Pickup beginning at 2:10 p.m.
Instructional Time 9:00 a.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Lehigh Area High School

Student Drop-off beginning at 8:40 a.m.
Student Pickup beginning at 2:00 p.m.
Instructional Time 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

In addition to the above information, we want to notify parents that a separate survey will be sent out Friday to all parents/guardians of the Lehigh Area School District in an effort to begin planning for a transportation delivery model for the 2020-2021 school year. Please fill out the survey as accurately as possible.

The information from the survey will assist in the district’s development of a transportation plan that will be presented for approval for the upcoming school year. In an effort to assist with the completion of the survey we wanted to get the PRELIMINARY TIMES OF OPERATION out to the parents and/or guardians, as it may determine the need for transportation for your child/children.

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As part of the transportation plan, below are the guidelines that will be required for all students who may choose district transportation:

Buses may operate with a maximum of two students per seat, with all students required to wear a mask.

Bus drivers will be required to wear a mask at all times.

Students will be assigned to a seat.

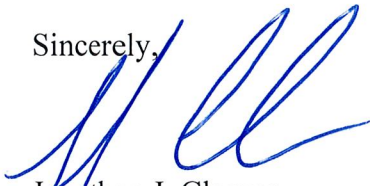
No food or drink will be allowed to be consumed on the bus.

Bus run times may be extended to allow for additional cleaning requirements.

Bus run times may be extended to allow for maximum capacity, when applicable.

Again, as a district we continue to work to establish a reopening plan that will meet the needs of all Lehighton students, staff and families. We are aware that this ever-changing situation is causing concern and stress for everyone. Please know that our administration, staff and board will continue to work to develop a plan that allows our students to continue being successful during this difficult and uncertain time.

Sincerely,



Jonathan J. Cleaver
Superintendent