

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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Dear Lehigh Area School District Parents/Guardians:

I’m hoping this information finds you safe and in good health while finishing up your virtual education experience. I want to thank everyone for their efforts and patience throughout the process while making major adjustments in a very short time. As we close the chapter on this unprecedented school year, we would like to congratulate the Class of 2020 and know that we are proud of all of them and wish them best of luck as they move forward with their adult lives.

The district is now beginning preparations for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. As the entire Lehigh Educational Community has risen to the challenges presented to them at the end of this school year, we now have a new challenge of meeting the educational guidelines for the phased reopening of our schools.

Please know the School Board, Administration and Teaching staff will work diligently to meet the needs of our students while we design the 2020-2021 educational program. As part of the beginning phases of this process we are going to request feedback from parents and guardians through a survey that will be forthcoming.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has provided us with Preliminary Guidance for the Phased Reopening of Schools that will be referenced throughout this process.

<https://www.lehigh.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=958&dataid=4437&FileName=Pre-K to 12 Reopening Guidance.pdf>

In addition, each district will be required to have a Health and Safety Plan prior to reopening school.

All our students, staff and families have risen to the challenge of learning in a new environment and have exceeded our expectations of completing and learning from interactive lessons and/or activities.

We will continue to keep parents and guardians informed as we progress through the planning process for reopening our schools this upcoming school year.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Jonathan J. Cleaver
Superintendent