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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Lower Merion School District uses School Messenger, an automated phone, text and email system, to send you important information and emergency announcements. This system enables us to create and send messages to thousands of people quickly.

School Messenger uses up to six phone numbers stored in our PowerSchool student information system. The system will dial the first two ("primary") numbers listed as Emergency Contacts for most emergencies. If we need to share information more widely, the system will call all the numbers you provide. The system will dial the selected numbers until they connect with a person, voicemail or answering device. The system cannot send calls to numbers with extensions, so please include only direct lines.

If you have not already done so, **please update your contact information as soon as possible**. While you now have the option to update your contact information at any time during the school year, information that is in the system prior to noon on **September 13, 2024**, is what will be shared (with your permission) in the Home & School Association (HSA) directories.

- 1. Go to <u>https://powerschool.lmsd.org</u> and log into the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Click on the Year-Round Update button to review and update your contact information, including mobile numbers to receive text messages.
- 2. If you do not have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you will need to create an account.. Please follow the 'Account Creation Instructions PDF' instructions available at <u>https://powerschool.lmsd.org</u>.

If you would like to receive messages in a language other than English, please send that request, including your student's name, to me at <u>buckmaa@lmsd.org</u>. If you do not have access to the internet, call Central Registration at 610-658-3996 for help.

Please note, emails sent by the District are in addition to emails sent by your school's HSA.

You can also keep up on news from LMSD by visiting our website (<u>www.lmsd.org</u>), watching Comcast Cable channel 22 and FiOS channel 36, and following our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> pages. If you have any questions regarding communications, please call your school's main office or the Office of School and Community Relations at 610-645-1977.

Yours truly, Amy Buckman Director of School and Community Relations