Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School

Every Student Matters…Every Moment Counts!

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying the summer.
Enclosed you will find important information for the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

SCHOOL WILL BEGIN FOR STUDENTS THIS YEAR ON
Wednesday, September 2, 2026
Your child's official school hours will be 8:35 a.m. – 3:01 p.m.

STUDENT PLACEMENT
Please remember that student placement has been thoughtfully determined based on our understanding of your child, along with the input you provided. As always, our goal is to create balanced classes that offer the best possible learning environment for every student. Your child's placement will be posted on Thursday, August 20th on the School Tool Parent Portal.

SUPPLY LIST
Supply lists are available on the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School website. Please check the "LADSBS Announcements" section and click on the "Supply Lists" link.

VISITING THE SCHOOL
We invite you to visit LADSBS on **Wednesday, August 26 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. or Thursday, August 27 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m**. The nurse will be available to receive medication on both of these dates. Please note, classrooms will be locked, and teachers will not be present. Also, please **do not** bring in student supplies. Over the first few days of school, your child can bring in a few items each day. Enclosed census cards and other forms in this packet and online, may be dropped off in the main office on these days.

CENSUS VERIFICATION REPORT/COMPUTER USE AGREEMENT
This document is vital to ensure we have accurate information to communicate with you should the need arise. It also allows your child access to their computer account. Please verify the information on the Census Card (the enclosed pink card) and make any changes that are necessary. Both sides of this document have information on it and the back page NEEDS TO BE SIGNED BY PARENT or GUARDIAN AND STUDENT. This will indicate that you have read and understand the Miller Place School Network Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Board of Education Policy #4526. This policy can be found on the district website.
This document must be submitted to the LADSBS Main Office prior to Friday, September 18, 2026. Failure to meet this deadline will result in your child's computer account being disabled. Upon receipt of the completed Census Verification Report internet access will be restored.

BUS TAG

To help ensure that your child gets on the correct "Go Home" bus the first weeks of school, be sure to attach the enclosed tag to your child's backpack with the following information:

- YOUR CHILD'S NAME
- THEIR TEACHER'S NAME
- THE "GO HOME" BUS LETTER AND BUS STOP. Please indicate if your PM bus drop-off location is home, child care, etc.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME ELIGIBILITY FORM

All students can receive a NO-CHARGE school breakfast and lunch meal during the regular school day. The No-Charge program will be in effect throughout the 2026-2027 school year. If you have any questions or concerns about the Household Income Eligibility Form, please call the District Office at (631) 474-2700 ext. 753.

TRANSPORTATION

We encourage you to allow your children to ride the bus to and from school beginning the first day. You can find your child's bus information on the SchoolTool Parent Portal under "User Defined". Buses may run late for the first few days of school. Please do not be concerned. It is a normal part of the beginning of the year. Transportation questions can be answered by calling First Student Company at (631) 924-8400.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Bus Arrival will take place between 8:05 a.m. to 8:25 a.m.
If you will be driving your child to school:

- You may enter the front bus loop after 8:30 a.m. or drop off in the rear of the building, by the cafeteria, beginning at 8:25 a.m.
- Please have your child sit on the passenger side of the car.
- Please say goodbye to your child before you pull up to the curb.
- Do not get out of the car.
- Please allow a staff member to help your child out of the car so we can keep traffic moving.
- Please do not try to pull around cars. Please wait for the line to move.

Dismissal for buses will be at 3:00 p.m. If you plan to pick up your child:

- You must send in a note with the date, your child's first name, last name and the name of the person who will be picking up. Pick up will be in the rear of the building by the cafeteria beginning at 2:55 p.m.
- **Every person picking up a student will be asked to show a photo ID.** If you do not have a proper ID on you in person, you will be asked to retrieve it before you are able to pick up your child.

ALLERGY ALERT CLASSROOMS:

Many classrooms will be designated as "Allergy Alert Classrooms," with signs clearly posted on the doors. If your child is placed in one of these classrooms, you will receive an e-mail prior to the first day of school. Please review that e-mailed letter carefully to ensure you are aware of any foods that could pose a risk to your child's classmates. These guidelines apply specifically to in-class snacks. Students may bring any items they choose for lunch, as lunch is eaten in a separate area. Please note that all classroom visitors must also follow the allergy guidelines by washing their hands before arriving at school.

HEALTH OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: Please call the Nurse's office directly in the morning to report an absence. The nurse's direct phone number is: (631) 474-2721.

The following information can be found in a link on the LADSBS website.

- Principal Welcome Back Letter
- Emergency Closing Contact Form
- Dignity Act Parent Letter
- Special Education Letter
- Custodial Documentation Letter
- Household Income Eligibility Form 26-27
- Student Computer Usage Policy

We are looking forward to the first day of school on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, and to working with your child this coming school year. If you have any questions about school, please call our office at 631-474-2719

LADSBS OPEN HOUSE NIGHTS

Grade 3 - Tuesday, September 22, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.
Grades 4 and 5 - Wednesday, September 23, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

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