

Lowell Joint SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Home of Scholars and Champions"



Healthy Families and Staff Newsletter (Special Update) – **FAMILIES ONLY EDITION**

Lowell Joint **STRONG**

October 23, 2020



We will continue to remind you that we are all **SO** proud of your heart, compassion, care, hard work, and being you. We know that you are feeling overwhelmed, but please remember to breathe while you give each other and yourself grace. We continue to stand in faith as we are **LOWELL JOINT STRONG** and we will stand strong against the storms that come our way.

We continue to monitor Los Angeles County Public Health orders and work to be able to re-open our schools for in-person instruction while providing the safest learning environment possible. As we continue to prepare for the time when we are able to return to in-person hybrid instruction, we want to circle back to affirm/re-affirm those families who anticipate needing to remain off campus due to an underlying health condition and/or confidential circumstances. As we seek to provide our students with our best instruction, we have been working behind the scenes to design our instructional program to provide the least disruption and smoothest transition possible. We have been able to make a fairly significant adjustment, which is that those students who need to remain in a 100% virtual learning setting will not have to change teachers or schools. We are excited to share that our incredible instructional staff has developed a structure that will allow 100% Virtual At-Home students to continue to zoom into class each day to receive their core instruction. This will allow our Virtual At-Home students to keep their same teachers. It is anticipated that once Los Angeles County Public Health Department allows in-person/hybrid instruction to restart, it will be required that we only have approximately 50% of our students on campus at a time in order to provide the necessary social distancing needed. In order to accomplish this, students will be divided into three cohorts/groups:

- Cohort A: attends in-person/on-campus instruction on Monday & Thursday and virtually from home Tuesday & Friday. Wednesday – everyone will be virtual from home.
- Cohort B: attends in-person/on-campus instruction on Tuesday & Friday and virtually from home Monday & Thursday. Wednesday – everyone will be virtual from home.
- Cohort C: **Lowell Joint School District At-Home** are those students whom are unable to attend in-person/on-campus and will participate in class 100% virtually each day for their instruction. (This will be for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year).

Families **do not** need to submit a doctor's note, but we do need you to affirm/re-affirm your need to have your student complete their 2020/2021 schooling 100% virtually through the Lowell Joint At-Home option. **The deadline to affirm/re-affirm your need is by the close of business on Friday, November 6, 2020.** Click this link to take the [LJSD Enrollment Survey](#). Please note that this does not mean we are returning to in-person hybrid right away, but are simply working to make sure we have all of our plans in place and everyone knows what to expect; as much as possible in our ever changing world.

The Strategic Planning Team continues to meet to help guide our next steps towards our return as we follow our **Return to School Adaptable Plan Continuum** and react to the Governor and Los Angeles County Public Health Department (LACPHD) Orders. We will continue to send out the Healthy Family Updates every two weeks to help the whole Lowell Joint Family stay updated.

The Board of Trustees has supported the instructional staff's survey results as we plan for our return under our Board approved Hybrid Model:

1st-8th Hybrid Blended/Virtual				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cohort A On Campus	Cohort B On Campus	Everyone Virtual Group A&B&C	Cohort A On Campus	Cohort B On Campus
Cohort B Zoom Virtual @ Home	Cohort A Zoom Virtual @ Home		Cohort B Zoom Virtual @ Home	Cohort A Zoom Virtual @ Home
Cohort C Zoom Virtual @ Home	Cohort C Zoom Virtual @ Home		Cohort C Zoom Virtual @ Home	Cohort C Zoom Virtual @ Home

TK/ - Come to school everyday				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Cohort On Campus 8:30-10:30am	AM Cohort On Campus 8:30-10:30am	Everyone Virtual Group A&B&C	AM Cohort On Campus 8:30-10:30am	AM Cohort On Campus 8:30-10:30am
PM Cohort On Campus 11:15-1:15pm	PM Cohort On Campus 11:15-1:15pm		PM Cohort On Campus 11:15-1:15pm	PM Cohort On Campus 11:15-1:15pm
Cohort C Zoom Virtual @ Home AM or PM	Cohort C Zoom Virtual @ Home AM or PM		Cohort C Zoom Virtual @ Home AM or PM	Cohort C Zoom Virtual @ Home AM or PM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday		
1st - 6th Grade		
Arrival	8:15-8:30 a.m.	Arrive at assigned gate, temp check, go directly to class
Instruction	8:30-10:00 a.m.	Core Content Instruction
Recess	10:00-10:20 a.m.	Staggered recess times so that class remains together
Instruction	10:20 a.m. -12:45 p.m.	Core Content Instruction
Dismissal & Grab-n-Go Lunch	12:45-1:15 p.m.	Supervised dismissal/all students can pick-up grab-n-go lunches
Asynchronous virtual	1:45-2:30 p.m.	Office Hours, asynchronous instruction, intervention and enrichment
Virtual Students grab-n-go lunches (drive-up): 1:15-2:15 p.m.		

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday		
TK/K		
Arrival (AM Cohort)	8:15-8:30 a.m.	Arrive at assigned gate, temp check, go directly to class
AM Cohort	8:30-10:30 a.m.	Core Content Instruction
Dismissal/Lunch	10:30-11:15 a.m.	AM Cohort supervised dismissal/all students can pick-up grab-n-go lunches
Arrival (PM Cohort)	11:00-11:15 a.m.	Arrive at assigned gate, temp check, go directly to class
PM Cohort	11:15-1:15 p.m.	Core Content Instruction
Dismissal & Grab-n-Go Lunch	1:15-2:15 p.m.	PM Cohort supervised dismissal/all students can pick-up grab-n-go lunches
Asynchronous virtual	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Office Hours, asynchronous instruction, intervention and enrichment

Virtual Learning Wednesday		
TK - 8th Grade		
Distance Learning from home	8:30-10:30 a.m.	Instruction: morning business, core subjects, synchronous
	10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Asynchronous Instruction
Lunch & Grab-n-Go available at school	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Lunches available at school for grab-n-go

As we continue to prepare for re-opening, all families will have copies of and should anticipate the following:

- ✓ 2020/2021 Re-opening of School Safety Plan – Lowell Joint School District
- ✓ Individual school Re-opening and Safety Plan – specific to your school
- ✓ Welcome Back to School Power Point – specific to your school
- ✓ Welcome Back to School Safety Video – specific to your school
- ✓ A Campus Visit day where you can arrange to come and walk the campus, locate your student's room, and see a sample room, while maintaining the appropriate health and safety protocols.

All of these safety plans and power points will be posted on the school and district websites once they have been distributed to each school site's families.

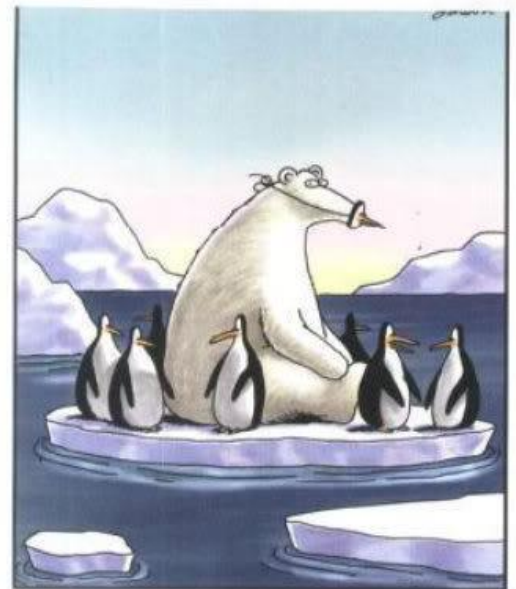
Keeping the Lowell Joint Family Informed and Connected...

We want to continue to stay connected as we continue to pivot/adjust in accordance with our **ADAPTABLE PLAN CONTINUUM** based on the ever changing guidance and directives from the State of California and the Public Health Department; which changes about every 2-4 days. Your continued strength, compassion, care, resilience, GRIT, and heart are an incredible testimony to the shared dedication and commitment of our students, staff, parents, and community;

THANK YOU – YOU ARE A BLESSING!

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STRONG!!**

A littler laughter helps bring joy-



"And now Edgar's gone. ...
Something's going on around here."



Keep a look out who is behind you....