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I would like to take this time and welcome all Pirates back to school for the 2020-21 school year. This school year will present many challenges for students, parents, and faculty members. We are preparing for a school year that will be different from any school year we have experienced in the past. It is our goal to prepare our students, parents, and staff for the safest possible return to school that we can. While citizens in our great state and country are very anxious and uneasy about the global pandemic that Covid19 has caused, it is important to understand the need for children to return to school in a safe manner. Through many committee meetings and state level meetings with other district leaders, in using guidance from the CDC and the State Health Department, we have put together a plan that we feel will offer us many safe options to return to school in 2020-21.

While we understand there is not a 100% risk free plan that exists, the success of our plan will rely heavily on the teamwork and cooperation of parents and students. More than any other school year, this year will require parents to assess their child's health every day and keep them from coming to school sick. We will assist you in this effort as well.

We are all likely to experience interruptions this academic school year due to possible Covid19 outbreaks or potential state level mandates. We would encourage parents to plan ahead and prepare for these interruptions or school closures. We could see short-term (3 day closures), mid-term closures (3-10 day closures), or long-term closures (more than 10 days), depending on outbreaks or exposures. Locust Grove Public Schools will work alongside state and local health authorities to determine these closures.

Our teachers are preparing for these interruptions and will be prepared to continue education and communication through these closures. With additional training this summer and having more learning platforms at their disposal, distance learning will be improved. All Elementary students/teachers will be utilizing the SeeSaw learning management system, while all Secondary students/teachers will be utilizing the Google Classroom learning management system.

It is crucial to remember that our Return to Learn Plan is subject to change as the Covid19 Pandemic and other circumstances change. One thing that will not change is the great leadership and great faculty members at LGPS. We will continue to work with you to serve you and your children and make this school year the best school year possible!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Torrey

