

LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS Henry J. Mroz Central Administration Offices 155 Merrimack Street Lowell, MA 01852

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Dear Lowell Public Schools Students, Families and Staff,

We are looking forward to this Monday, when even more students in grades K-5 will be returning to full-time in-person learning. Thank you for all of your partnership, support and feedback as we readied our schools for what will be the first day on campus for some students in over a year.

Monday will undoubtedly be an exciting day. To help guide families through this transition back to in-person learning, we have put together a list of updates and reminders, including information on transportation, meal service, our COVID-19 pooled testing program, and other safety measures we are taking. Please check out these resources posted on the District website: <u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/inpersonlearning</u>

While excitement is building for expanded in-person learning, if you are a family who is choosing to remain remote through the end of this school year, please know that we are committed to maintaining the quality of the remote learning environment. Our teachers and support staff have been taking part in additional training as they prepare to engage both in-person and remote learners at the same time on Monday. And we have prioritized stability and continuity in class rosters to maintain the relationships that teachers and students have forged since the beginning of the year as much as possible.

I want to reiterate my gratitude for your continued partnership, patience, flexibility and understanding throughout this process as we continue to work to deliver the highest quality education to our students, regardless of the setting. Monday will be the first day of a new schooling model not only for many students, but also our staff - and as we navigate another new environment together, we are committed to partnering with you every step of the way.

Stay safe and be well. We can't wait for Monday!

Sincerely,

Joel Boyd

Dr. Joel D. Boyd Superintendent of Schools