



LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Dear Lowell Public Schools Students, Staff, Families and Community Partners,

Today we celebrate the successful start of a new school year. In visiting classrooms across our district from open to close of the school day, I couldn't help but feel proud and inspired to be part of such a caring and motivated team of staff who are demonstrating their commitment to providing each and every student in our district with the high-quality public education they deserve. We won't accept any less for our children and I am truly grateful to everyone - students, staff, families - for giving your very best to make today a success.

It is great to live and work in a community that truly values public education. Today was a success because of your support. We were only able to safely open our schools to in-person learning today because of your patience, flexibility, and partnership.

I especially want to thank everyone for thinking of one another and complying with the mask mandate issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the local health department. The COVID-19 pandemic is far from over and we need your help in maintaining a safe community. We are committed to keeping our schools open while ensuring the safety of all our students and staff. So, let's keep going in the right direction and build off of the positive momentum of today's school opening.

We are happy to be reunited with all of you who were a part of the Lowell Public Schools in the prior year as well as welcome our new students and families who are joining our school community for the first time this year.

As always, if you have any questions about this school year, including our COVID-19 protocols for keeping schools safe, please don't hesitate to contact your school. Furthermore, our Family Resource Center (151 Merrimack Street; 978-674-4321) is here to support you with registrations and school transfers, access to language interpretation services in Khmer, Portuguese, Spanish, Swahili, and other languages spoken across the district in addition to resources for families who may be experiencing homelessness and economic hardship.

Thankful to be a part of your team,

Dr. Joel D. Boyd
Superintendent of Schools