



LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Upper-Class Students of Lowell High School:

With the opening of school only days away, we would like to welcome you back with an enthusiastic look at the 2019- 2020 school year! Your first day back at Lowell High School will be Tuesday, August 27th. We are excited to see you and have the opportunity to work together to help you have an awesome and successful year! We are here for you! If you have an appointment already scheduled with your counselor for a schedule change, please report to the counselor at the appropriate time. Regarding requests for schedule changes, it is important students go to the House Office **only during the period that they are missing a class**. We will process all appropriate change requests as soon as possible. Please note, there may be a chance that any given request may not be possible.

When you arrive on August 27th, you will report to your Student Advisory Room as indicated on your schedule included with this letter. You will meet your advisory teacher, complete registration forms, be assigned a locker and review the Lowell High School Student Handbook. You will also receive a schedule for the day and an updated bell schedule. As you know, free breakfast & lunch is provided for all LHS students, or remember to bring your own lunch; if you have your ID Badge from last year, don't forget to bring that with you. School locks may be purchased for \$5 or you can use a school issued lock from last year!

During the first three days of school, all students will be photographed for ID Badges to ensure a safe environment for all; this will also give your parent/guardian an opportunity to purchase school photos. If you have not received a mailer from O'Connor Studios, please contact them at 978-640-6250 for an information packet. A limited number of LHS Agenda Books will be sold in the 1826 School Store for \$3; having an agenda book will assist you in keeping track of important academic obligations as well as the fun activities offered at LHS. Please see the back of this letter for BUS PASS purchase information.

Attendance is crucial to your academic success at Lowell High School. It is important to keep track of your absences as well as keep your House Dean informed of unanticipated illness by providing notes immediately following your absence. **Please note:** To earn credit in any course, a student must meet state mandated requirements of 95% attendance. This mandate is reflected in the Lowell School Committee policy that allows for **no more than 8 absences per semester**. Additional information regarding the Attendance Policy is clearly stated in Section 4 of the LHS Student/Parent Handbook. This handbook can be accessed on our school website at lhs.lowell.k12.ma.us

As a community of over 3000 students and nearly 350 staff members, we are proud of all we are able to accomplish together each year. Your active participation in the life of our school – from student organizations and activities to athletics - is vital to your academic and personal growth and also enhances our reputation as a model of the nation's urban high schools. Please be advised there will be **NO School** on **Friday, August 30th** and **Monday, September 2nd** due to the Labor Day holiday weekend. You will return to school on **Tuesday, September 3rd**. Until August 27th, enjoy the remainder of your summer days, and prepare yourself for a new and amazing school year.

Sincerely,

Marianne E. Busteed
Head of Lowell High School

We ARE Lowell High School! "Every day Every one Every place"

~ A Teaching and Learning Community ~