

Lincoln Park Public Schools

Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders at Lincoln Park Schools Today

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we continue to move through the difficulties that the 2020-21 school year have brought to the district, I need to ask for your cooperation on completing the health assessment every morning. All red and blue cohort parents must complete the daily health assessment before bringing your child to school each day. Many of the parents are really doing a nice job and working with the district to assure the safety measures that we have put into place are working, and I can't thank you enough. However, as we complete the second week of in-school instruction, on any given day we still have up to 20% of our students arriving to school without their parent completing the health assessment. We expected there would be instances, especially at the beginning of the year, that parents would forget to complete the assessment. We were prepared for this and put procedures into place to scan the student's temperature before entering the building, and then directing the student to the school nurses to complete the health assessment. These procedures are working, but the number of parents not completing the health assessment are increasing instead of decreasing.

The staff, and especially our nurses, are spending a considerable amount of their time completing an assessment that can easily be completed at home within about a minute. Please keep in mind this procedure is in place to assure the safety of your child, other children, and our teaching staff. The biggest concern from our community regarding the opening of schools was having the appropriate safety measures in place to minimize the chance of students and staff being affected by the virus. We worked very hard on these procedures and believe we have a good plan for keeping the LP community safe, but we need better cooperation from you, the parents.

Completing the health assessment on the mornings that your child comes to school needs to become a practiced habit. Before leaving the house, and preferably by 8:00 a.m., the assessment must be completed and submitted in your child's Genesis account. Once again, we recognize there may be instances and reasons that the assessment isn't completed, and we are more than willing to assist. What we can't have are parents consistently not completing the form and some parents not even attempting to complete the health assessment. It is imperative that the health assessment is completed every day your child is coming into the building. We will continue to monitor and assist parents when necessary, but if there are parents who continuously forget or refuse to complete the form, it may become necessary to move the child into the virtual instruction format. Keep in mind, if this decision is made, it is being done for the safety of your child, other children, and the staff.

The Lincoln Park Community has always demonstrated a willingness to cooperate with the schools and I expect nothing less with this issue. We all recognize the seriousness of the Covid-19 pandemic and I hope we all recognize that if we all work together in a cooperative spirit, we can successfully navigate through these very difficult times.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in completing the daily health screening for your child.

Sincerely,

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