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Good afternoon students and families:

Based on state and local metrics, low incidence of infection at nearby schools and stakeholder input, we have made the decision that LFPA will be returning to school on a hybrid schedule beginning the week of September 21 for the two weeks leading up to October break. Barring severe local or regional outbreaks, we plan to return for full, in-person instruction Tuesday, October 13 after fall break. We would like to use these two weeks of minimal on-site attendance (100-150 students per day) to get students used to our new procedures and provide the safest environment possible when we return in full. We also anticipate that by starting later than other schools in the area, we will have adequate time to monitor for potential safety concerns for LFPA.

We will be providing more details in the days that follow, but wanted to give you time to prepare for a return to school. In the meantime we want to share a few procedures to help answer some of your questions:

- **Mandatory masks or face shields:** All students and staff will be required to wear masks or shields when they are unable to appropriately keep adequate distance between themselves and others. While masks are preferred, face shields provide a reasonable alternative for students who are unable to wear masks for an extended period of time.
- **Continued use of Google Classroom for assignment submission:** We would like to continue a low contact / no contact environment wherever possible, including limiting or eliminating the need for students to turn in or share papers and other supplies during class. Continued use of Google Classroom will also allow an immediate return to remote learning should the need arise.
- **Lunch:** Students will be limited to cafeteria and outdoor areas for lunch. Hallways and classrooms will not be utilized by students during this time to allow for ongoing cleaning.
- **Contact tracing instrumentation** has been installed to allow LFPA to identify potential close contact occurrences during a given timeframe. Parents and staff will be notified of any potential contact with someone who tests positive for the virus so they can test and quarantine if needed.
- **Uniforms / bus payments / lunch:** Anyone needing to purchase uniform shirts or pay for busing or lunch may come to the school between 8:00 and 4:00 Monday-Thursday starting Tuesday, September 8 (Monday, September 7 is a holiday).

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again and being able to provide students with the opportunity to enjoy all of the great things that make LFPA special.