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# MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

August 25, 2020 Dear NLSD Families,

Welcome to the '20-'21 school year! The first week for Grades 1-8 has arrived, with EC and K starting next week. On behalf of the NLSD Staff, we are eager to connect with our students and begin this historic school year. Apparently, our families are as well. We were blown away by the kind gestures demonstrated by our wonderful families yesterday. From decorating the iPad pick up line with a giant "welcome back" sign to "chalking the walk" to support teachers and administration, our parents have validated the strength of the NLSD School Community. Close to 100% of our families, grades 1-8, picked up learning materials. Our students are ready to learn and so are we!

Below are a few updates as we kick off the '20-'21 school year.

## • TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

For those looking for troubleshooting assistance with technology, email the NLSD Tech Support Team at <u>tech-help@nlsd122.org</u>. When emailing, clearly state the technological issue you are experiencing. If you need assistance emailing, please call your child's school.

### • **REQUESTS FOR RECORDED LESSONS**

If your child is unable to attend school during the school day, please contact the building principal. Illinois State Board of Education requires schools to report daily attendance. Daily attendance will be taken throughout remote learning. The goal is to have students attend school during the designated school hours. However, we understand due to daycare situations some students may not be able to participate in remote activities during the school day. We want students to have access to key lessons and assignments including teacher instruction. Therefore, videos will be available to be viewed later under certain circumstances. **Arrangements must be made in advance with the building principal for attendance reasons.** Please note, if a student is attending remotely on a daily basis and is absent, then he/she will be given make up work, similar to what happens when attending school in person. If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

### • RETURNING TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

Our intention is to return to in-person instruction in adherence with guidance provided from ISBE and IDPH. Currently, that date has not yet been determined. While we implement remote learning, the NLSD Leadership Team will continue to monitor local metrics and updated guidance. We will continue to plan for our students to return to in-person instruction as soon as we are able to do so safely and consistently. I, as you, long for the moment when our hallways are once again filled with the smiling faces of our incredible students.

Again, I would like to thank you for the outpouring of support this week! It is obvious that we share a common vision for the children of NLSD 122. We want our students to experience academic success, a love for learning, and a positive school experience. Now more than ever, we value our partnership with you to accomplish our shared goal.

#### **TOGETHER – WE CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING!**

Sincerely,

Lori Motsch, Ed.D

