



Lowell Families and Community:

We know that what you need right now are definitive answers, firm dates, and decisions regarding the re-opening of our schools. Each day, we are receiving new, modified, and revised guidance regarding our ability to open. We must have approval from each authority that guides our district. Because of these factors, we are planning for, but have not yet set a date for re-opening. The next guidance that will dictate our ability to resume in person instruction will be released to us on January 19, 2021. Until we know all of the requirements we must meet in order to legally and safely re-open according to the guidance, we are unable to give you the dates for re-opening. While there are many rumors and conjecture about what date we are restarting in person instructions, no dates have been confirmed. However, when we do have a set date, our families and community will know!

We are working diligently to be prepared for the soonest possible re-opening date. We want to make sure that when we open our doors we are doing it safely for both our students and our staff. We are continuing our planning meetings. We are preparing our food service to serve lunches to our students, ensuring we have appropriate space, confirming transportation plans, maintaining sanitation schedules and preparing our staffing schedules. The work behind the scenes continues to move forward. The District may be waiting to set the date, but it does not mean we are waiting to start preparing for return. When we get the ok, we will be ready to move forward to make it happen!

Please remember during these uncertain times, we are all dealing with our own issues, concerns, and fears. Some families are experiencing financial hardships while others are at higher risk if they contract Covid, and yet others may not be feeling much impact at all. Whatever your circumstances, please be caring and kind. We are all families, neighbors, friends and community members. We all want this to be over and to resume giving hugs, having gatherings and sending our students to school. Lowell School District has embraced the philosophy of providing many educational opportunities to students because not every student learns in the same way. We have embraced the same philosophy during these trying times. We will continue to work to open our doors and someday return to normal. But in the meantime, in person instruction is not what is best for each family. Lowell will continue to offer distance learning to our students who are not ready or able to come back to the classroom setting.

Monday, January 18, 2021, will be a No School day in honor of the great Martin Luther King Jr. In his words, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."

Stay safe, healthy and kind!