

## **Livingston Parish Public Schools**

### **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Livingston Parish Students to Return to School on Sept. 12**

### *Parent Survey Information Important to Finalizing Plans for System-wide Restart*

LIVINGSTON, La. – All students in Livingston Parish Public Schools will report back to classes on Sept. 12, Superintendent Rick Wentzel announced today.

Wentzel announced that most students will report to their regular school campuses on that day; however, some middle and high schools will be platooned to nearby campuses, and some elementary school students will be assigned to different campuses as determined by transportation routes and their current whereabouts. He added that all athletic and extra-curricular programs will remain in place and function as normally as possible in this challenging time.

“We are pleased to announce all Livingston Parish Schools will be starting together, so we can begin the healing process and moving forward as one system,” Wentzel said. “Our people have shown much resilience and a strong determination to enable our system to get back up again and overcome the devastation caused by the recent flooding.”

To assist the system in its restart plans, Wentzel asked that all parents complete an online survey to help identify the location and transportation needs of each student. The survey can be found on the district’s website at [www.lpsb.org](http://www.lpsb.org), or on Facebook and Twitter @LivingstonPPS.

Wentzel said school administrative staff will return to work on Monday (Aug. 29), and parents can begin contacting their schools at their same school telephone number in order to provide any change of address information that might impact a student’s assignment or transportation needs.

He also said all employees will report back to work on Sept. 6, and each school will hold a welcome back event for their students and parents prior to the start of classes on Sept. 12. He encouraged parents and students to visit their individual school web sites and listen for school messenger calls and emails for further details.

Elementary school students who will be temporarily relocated to other campuses will not be platooned, but will attend during regular hours of the school where they are assigned. Students from the following schools will be assigned based upon district transportation routes and where the students are currently residing:

- Denham Springs Elementary
- Southside Elementary

The following schools will be platooned to other campuses; however, their schedules are still being finalized and will be announced in the coming week:

- Denham Springs High School located to Live Oak High School
- Denham Springs Freshman High located to Live Oak Middle School
- Southside Junior High located Juban Parc Junior High School
- Springfield High School located to Springfield Middle School

Wentzel said the school system is receiving donated goods and services to assist in its restart effort. Donations of goods and services can be made to [friends@lpsb.org](mailto:friends@lpsb.org) financial donations can be made at <http://www.lpsb.org/>

“I would ask that our school community continue to be patient and work with us to make this process move forward as smoothly and rapidly as possible. We are committed to a full recovery and leaving no student behind. Together, we will continue to be LP Strong!”

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Calendar Summary:

Aug. 25 – Only 12-Month Employees reported back to work

Aug. 29 – School Administrative Staff report back to work

Sept. 6 – All School Employees report back to work

Sept. 12 – All Students return