



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release – April 21, 2020

Contact: Delia A. Taylor, APR at 225-931-0286 or taylormedia11@gmail.com, or Superintendent Joe Murphy at 225-686-7044 or alan.murphy@lpsb.org.

Livingston Schools Announce Plans for Academic Calendar, Graduation Ceremonies, Pre-K & K Registration *2020-2021 School Year Will Begin Aug. 7*

LIVINGSTON, La. – Livingston Parish School Superintendent Joe Murphy announced today that school leaders have approved an action plan to move district activities forward through the continued COVID-19 school closures and anticipated return access to campus facilities.

He noted that the 2019-2020 school year will end on its regularly scheduled day of May 22. Teachers and school leaders will continue to deliver meaningful educational instruction through a blended model of learning to all students. Final report cards for grade levels will be on June 2.

He said graduation ceremonies and other related activities will be postponed at a minimum until the month of June and possibly later. “We are exploring all options, but we are hoping to be able to offer modified ceremonies at our campuses or other available venues, if restrictions are relaxed. If restrictions prohibit these modified ceremonies, we will offer our students and parents virtual opportunities.”

Murphy said the district will offer credit recovery opportunities through summer education. He said the district will provide virtual learning for various grade levels. In some isolated cases, a limited number of students might receive in-person instruction at a campus location, pending state allowances.

“Between the end of the academic year and this reporting time, principals will reach out to parents to discuss their child’s progression, if necessary,” Murphy said.

He said the district plans to hold possibly one or two summer sessions for high school credit recovery in grades 9-11, noting that the format may include one session in June and a second session in July, or a single larger session that begins in mid-summer.

The district has also made provisions for Pre-K and Kindergarten registrations:

- Pre-K Registration (Phase 1) will be held from June 1-5, with determination letters for Phase 1 applicants being mailed June 15. Applications to fill any available seats from Phase 1 will be accepted beginning June 22. Pending the state's guidelines, applications can be completed at the child's home-based school campuses or can be emailed directly to the school. Information regarding specific dates, times, and procedures for each school will be posted on the LPPS Pre-K/Early Childhood webpage and on each school's webpage after May 4, at <https://lpearlychildhood.wixsite.com/lpearlychildhood>. More information is available at 225-6868-4302 or 225-6868-4265.
- Kindergarten Registration will begin June 1. Pending the state's guidelines, parents may register their child for Kindergarten on the campus of their home-based school or by emailing the school directly. Information regarding specific dates, times, and procedures will be posted on the LPPS webpage at www.lpsb.org, and on each school's webpage after May 4.

Murphy said school leaders are planning to begin the 2020-2021 school year as originally planned on Aug. 7, 2020; although, he said this timeline would be revisited if restrictions do not allow opening the schools at that time.

Livingston Schools will post additional information on the district's summer school schedule and registration on the district website at www.lpsb.org and via district social media feeds.