

LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Lynn Public Schools Community,

This week marks the third full week of the school year and we are excited to be back. There are areas of success and areas of concern. We have launched nearly all of our beginning of the year programs, both during the day and after school. For our students, the ability to attend school in person full time each day is critically important. We have student support systems in place with resources and activities available for all students to engage academically and recreationally.

While there are areas of success to be celebrated, such as healthy relationships and access to hands on learning, there are distracting concerns to address. As expected, there are [positive COVID-19 cases](#) happening in the district, mostly among students and even some staff. Although the transmission on site is not to blame for the vast majority of them, any positive case is worthy of our attention and response. Much of the response has come in the form of activating our contact tracing system and quarantining students according to Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guidance. I fully acknowledge that any quarantine scenario represents significant hardship on students and their family.

Thankfully, the test and stay, protocol is set to launch next week. The rollout will take place over two to three weeks. This will allow students who are identified as a close contact, without symptoms, and with a negative rapid test available in schools to remain attending school so long as they continue to test negative each day over a period of seven days.

Finally, as we continue to partner to create a stable and fulfilling learning experience for LPS students, we must partner to address the Tiktok challenges posed this fall. During the month of September, followers were encouraged to vandalize school bathrooms. Thankfully, this issue was isolated and infrequent in the Lynn Public Schools. I trust that our students will continue to make good decisions. Nonetheless, there are additional challenges each month calling for

students to engage in some concerning and even illegal behavior (see below). This is an opportunity to engage in a conversation with your student about the consequences of such behavior. None of it will be tolerated in the Lynn Public Schools or broader community.

Yours in partnership,

Patrick Tutwiler, PhD
Superintendent

A list circulating online suggests these are the challenges for each month of the school year:

September: Vandalize school bathrooms

October: Smack a staff member

November: Kiss your friend's girlfriend at school

December: Deck the halls and show your *****

January: Jab a breast

February: Mess up school signs

March: Make a mess in the courtyard or cafeteria

April: "Grab some eggz" (another stealing challenge)

May: Ditch day

June: Flip off in the front office

July: Spray a neighbor's fence