

Parents, Students & Community Members,

April 26, 2020

I hope this outreach finds you in good spirits and hopeful for the days to come. We are in unprecedented times with different challenges daily. The Louisa-Muscatine (L-M) school system wants to be a support in this time. We have established a voluntary online school which can be navigated through the website (www.lmlearning.org). L-M foodservice continues to provide five student lunches per/week, with pick-up deliveries on Monday and Thursday. The weekend Backpack program has continued. The Elementary has provided learning packets to students through April 30th. The L-M Tech Department has issued computers to families needing that support as well as boosting the Internet range at our Secondary building to include the parking for Internet availability. Our teachers and staff are involved with students daily through technology and will continue voluntary educational services through May 22.

Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, May 22 was to be our last day of school. That date will be considered the last day of the L-M voluntary educational services. Other L-M services will discontinue at that time as well, unless otherwise notified. We will finalize our plans on grading, grade level advancement, graduation requirements, high school credit, and credit recovery this week.

Louisa-Muscatine Schools will make every effort to have a graduation ceremony in June or July. We are not able to consider any dates in May as schools are to be closed through May and possibly beyond as determined at the state level. Please realize as we make plans, changes may need to be made in direct relationship to local, state and federal guidance.

L-M staff will be collecting student personal items in preparation for a curbside pick-up next Monday and Tuesday (May 4 & 5). More information will be coming on how this will work. Elementary students can expect the second round of educational materials for home learning to accompany the student's personal items. It is also possible that students at the high school needing credit recovery will be provided a credit recovery packet through this curbside pick-up.

Library books and other school owned items should be dropped off during the personal item pick-up days. Also remember we have provided a drop off location at the football field ticket booth. You can drive by to drop off school pictures, library books and other school items there anytime.

We are allowing students who have things in the secondary locker rooms access this Wednesday and Thursday (April 29 & 30) from 8:00-4:00 pm. You may enter and exit through the District office door, at the southeast corner of the Secondary building. We will be limiting the amount of people in the

building at one time, please respect social distancing, and go nowhere else in the building other than the locker-room assigned. If this time does not work, call our Central Office at (319)-726-3541 to set-up a time. Any items still remaining in the gym lockers will be collected for donation after this Thursday.

Parents of 8th-12th Grade Students, at this time, the AEA is still planning to offer a driver education class from June 8-23 for Louisa-Muscatine. There is still plenty of room in the class at this time for students wanting to take driver education this summer. There is a possibility that the class may be provided in an online format with driving to follow at a later date, depending on the social distancing guidelines as we go into June. The AEA driver education website and contact information can be found here:

<https://www.mbaea.org/student-programs/driver-education>

I want to once again encourage all students to participate in the voluntary learning system. It is a wonderful way to keep your mind engaged for future learning. If you are having difficulty accessing any of our services, please call the Central Office and we will attempt to help ratify those hurdles. Continue to check your emails and the district website. I will talk to you again this Wednesday night, if not sooner.

Sunday night school messages contain a lot of dates and information lately. These messages will be posted on our school website on Mondays throughout the month of May.

Have a great week and GO FALCONS!

**Mike Van Sickle
Superintendent of Louisa-Muscatine Schools**