



# Little Falls Township Public Schools

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Dear Little Falls Families:

The 2022-23 school year is a few days away, and we are thrilled with what this school year has in store for your children. School begins for all students on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 and is a full session day. This year, we will all **BEElieve WE CAN!** Anything is possible if you believe. A positive attitude and mindset begins with feeling safe and supported. While we foster this at school, I will be sending some home engagement activities as well. These will be in the form of conversation starters. A fun simple way to get your children talking and create meaningful dialogue. Here is the first one: *When was the last time you were really proud of yourself?* Don't forget to not only ask your children for their answer but let them know yours as well. HAVE FUN and Beelieve you can create lasting memories through conversation.

## **“One District...One Team...One Vision...”**

As I officially welcome back our returning families and extend a warm welcome to those who are new, I would like to share some important information about our upcoming school year.

### **Hornet Pride Guide:**

If you are in need of an additional copy or are new to our district and haven't received a hard copy please contact your Principal. The Pride Guide outlines expectations and provides common language for what it means to have Hornet Pride. Each student and parent/guardian will be asked to acknowledge that they have read the guide. In addition, the Pride Guide will also be housed on our website under the Parents Tab for your convenience. [Hornet Pride Guide](#)

### **2022-2023 Goals and Objectives:**

After an in-depth analysis of both staff and student data by the District Evaluation Committee (DEAC), School Improvement Panels (ScIP), and Administrative Team, the 2022-23 Goals and Objectives have been developed. We use a pyramid approach, where Goals and Objectives are developed for the District first and then each school team develops their goals and objectives. This encourages a common vision, while allowing for individual implementation, activities, and rationale. Attached, please find a list of the district and school goals. The entire plan is posted on the homepage of our website under the District Tab. [2022-2023 Little Falls District and School Goals](#)

### **2022-2023 Calendar:**

Our district calendar as well as monthly important dates to remember can be found on our website for your convenience. Additionally, each school updates their calendar on their individual homepage. [2022-2023 Calendar](#)

### **Safety and Security:**

We continue to work closely with the Little Falls Police Department to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Together with the LFPD, we engage in monthly security drills to be certain that staff and students are prepared for any type of emergency that may impact our buildings. Our camera system is interfaced with the LFPD. This allows the police department to have viewing access to all of our schools' cameras. In addition, police substations are set up in each building so that police officers are in and out of each of our schools daily. This is in addition to our community officer and



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the regular police walk-throughs. The LFPD is present daily at drop-off and pick-up at all schools which assists with traffic flow as well as providing proactive safety measures.

### **Communication:**

In order to reduce the amount of paper used, we will continue to primarily send flyers home digitally. Posted under the Parents Tab of each school's homepage of the website is a section labeled "Friday Folder".

You have been asked to provide us with one or more telephone numbers and email addresses. Please make sure that your child's main office(s) has your most recent information, as these tools are used not only to pass along daily information, but are also used for emergency situations.

Below are ways that you can stay connected with us:

Website: [www.lfschools.org](http://www.lfschools.org)

Twitter: @LFSchools  
@LFSchool2  
@LFSchool3  
@LFSchool1

Instagram @lfsuperintendent  
@lfprincipal3  
@lfprincipal1

### **TIME SCHEDULE:**

#### **School 2**

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Rolling Dropoff            | 8:40am – 9:00am  |
| Full Day Preschool and K-2 | 9:00am – 3:20pm  |
| AM Preschool               | 9:00am – 11:30am |
| PM Preschool               | 12:50pm – 3:20pm |

#### **School 3**

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Rolling Dropoff | 8:30am – 8:45   |
| Grades 3 & 4    | 8:45am – 3:05pm |

#### **School 1**

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Entry Bell   | 8:20am          |
| Grades 5 – 8 | 8:28am – 2:57pm |



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Below, please find a list of policies that are an important component of our vision. These policies can be found on our district website under the “Board of Education” tab at the top and then “BOE Bylaws and Policies”. Our policies are designed to ensure an orderly environment, where students, staff, and those who are part of our academic community can be emotionally and physically safe. A comprehensive list of all policies is available on our website and you can find them here: <https://www.straussesmay.com/seportal/Public/pubELANOnline.aspx?id=b5289242cd4542aa9de355d6b0cabbb3>

| Policy Number | Policy Name                                                           |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2361          | Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources           |
| 2260          | Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices         |
| 5612          | Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees          |
| 2423          | Bilingual and ESL Education                                           |
| 6230          | Budget Hearing                                                        |
| 1523          | Comprehensive Equity Plan                                             |
| 3126          | District Mentoring Program                                            |
| 2610          | Educational Program Evaluation                                        |
| 3283          | Electronic Communications Between Teaching Staff Members and Students |
| 4283          | Electronic Communications Between Support Staff Members and Students  |
| 7441          | Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds     |
| 5500          | Expectations for Pupil Conduct                                        |
| 5512          | Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)                          |
| 2422          | Comprehensive Health and Physical Education                           |
| 5230          | Late Arrival & Early Dismissal                                        |
| 5331          | Management of Life – Threatening Allergies in Schools                 |
| 2415          | Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)                                     |
| 8760          | Pupil Accident Insurance                                              |
| 8330          | Student Records                                                       |
| 8601          | Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal                              |
| 1510          | Americans with Disabilities Act                                       |
| 5613          | Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses                |
| 5611          | Removal of Students for Firearms offenses                             |
| 8540          | School Nutrition Programs                                             |
| 7422          | School Integrated Pest Management Plan                                |
| 5751          | Sexual Harassment of Students                                         |
| 2460          | Special Education                                                     |
| 5600          | Student Discipline / Code of Conduct                                  |
| 5350          | Student Suicide Prevention                                            |
| 5530          | Substance Abuse                                                       |
| 2415.04       | Title I District-Wide Parental Involvement                            |
| 8600          | Student Transportation                                                |
| 8467          | Weapons                                                               |

Please enjoy these last few days of summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you on September 6, 2022.

Best,



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