



Little Falls Township Public Schools

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Dear Little Falls Families:

The 2023-24 school year is quickly approaching, and we are thrilled with what this school year has in store for your children. School begins for all students on Thursday, September 7, 2023 and is a **full session day**. This year, our theme is **THE HORNET WAY!** Here in Little Falls we strive to always have Hornet Pride, foster our interpersonal skills, allow students to have a voice, and work together to build and polish other essential skills... it's the HORNET WAY. Soon, your child(ren) will be receiving a letter from their principal. In that letter they will have different activities. We want all of our students to think about what they bring to their HORNET WAY journey. Our friends in grades preschool-2 will be working on the cars they will take, our friends in grades 3-4 will be packing their suitcases and creating bumper stickers, and our friends in grades 5-8 will build their travel playlist. I cannot wait to see what they produce.

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.

2023-2024 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. [2023-2024 Calendar](#)

Hornet Pride Guide:

If you need 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](#)

2023-2024 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 2023-24 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. [2023-2024 Little Falls District and School Goals](#)

Safety and Security:

We continue to work closely with the Little Falls Police Department to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Together, we engage in monthly security drills to be certain that staff and students are prepared for any type of emergency. 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 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.



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Portrait of a Hornet:

Thank you to all of our students, staff and families who took the time to complete our Portrait of a Hornet survey. The results are in and we can't wait to share them with you. The Board of Education's Strategic Planning Committee along with our DEAC (District Evaluation Advisory Committee) will be meeting in early October to compile the data and begin to develop an overview for the community.

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

Twitter: @LFSchools
@LFSchool2
@LFSchool3
@LFSchool1

Instagram @lfsuperintendent
@lfprincipal2
@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 link to all district policies that are an important component of our vision. These policies can be found on our website under the “BOE” tab at the top and then “Board Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations”. 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. [Board Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations](#)

Also attached below, please find the following new and/or revised policies for your reference:

Policy Number	Policy Name
5512	Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying
7523	School District Provided Technology Devices to Students

Please enjoy these last few weeks of summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you on September 7, 2023.

Best,



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