

# LAKE VILLA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #41

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Dear Lake Villa Parents and Guardians,

As promised, the much anticipated Lake Villa 41 Return to School Plan is attached. A great deal of thought and countless hours of discussion have gone into how to safely re-open our schools. Every procedure throughout the day from the simple act of walking in hallways to the use of lockers and spaces have been reworked to ensure that we are able to maintain 6 feet of social distancing as much as possible. This plan has been created in conjunction with administration, staff, parent representatives, and health officials. Thank you to everyone who has put their time and care into moving our district forward during this historic time. Please know that this plan is subject to change. In fact, given the fluid nature of this pandemic, there is no guarantee that we won't start school in a fully remote manner.

We believe that parents should have some choice in how their children experience education during this health crisis. We know this pandemic has caused strong emotional and political divides between families and neighbors. Our intent is to work together to meet the CDC and state requirements for returning to school safely.

We know that we are asking you to make a difficult decision. We are simply unable at this time to give you all the details that would make the decision easier. However, we need to know your choice in order to move forward with our planning.

**CHOICE 1 - On-Site Learning with a Group A / Group B Rotation** with Shortened Daily Schedule

**Group A** will be in attendance on **Monday / Tuesday**.

**Group B** will be in attendance on **Thursday / Friday**.

**Wednesdays** will be completely remote for all students. This will allow for deep cleaning of schools and to provide 40 hours between groups to allow the virus time to extinguish itself and reduce its effectiveness for transmission.

Siblings will be kept together on the same days. In addition, 40 minutes of remote learning will take place each afternoon. Face coverings will be required for all staff and students on-site unless an individual has a documented medical condition. Masks may be removed for eating and while outside and maintaining social distancing. Student and staff temperatures will be taken upon arrival. Students will be given mask breaks when possible to go outside. Students, especially at Hooper may want more robust snacks than previously since students won't have lunch on-site with the shortened day.

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Students will be on-site for 4 hours and twenty minutes per day.

Palombi School: 7:32 a.m. - 11:52 a.m.

Martin and Thompson Schools: 8:15 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.

Hooper School: 9:00 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Students will participate in remote learning for forty minutes per day.

Palombi School: 1:20 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Martin and Thompson Schools: 2:00 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Hooper School: 2:45 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.

Remote Learning will take place on Wednesday for all students during the hours listed above.

## **CHOICE 2 - Full-Time Remote Learning**

Students will participate in remote learning five hours per day. (This will be a blend of instruction and independent practice.) Students will be assigned to a specific class and classroom teacher just as they would if they were physically present.

Unlike in the spring, classrooms will be synchronous and more mirror the on-site classrooms. Additionally, remote and on-site students will have access to materials. Additionally, we will be providing our staff with training on how to better use the remote platform.

Students will participate in remote learning five hours per day.

**Palombi School:** 7:32 a.m. - 11:52 a.m. and 1:20 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Martin and Thompson Schools:** 8:15 a.m. - 12:35 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

**Hooper School:** 9:00 a.m. - 1:20 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.

**CHOICE 3** - available to IEP/ Section 504 /EL Students only per ISBE- On-site Four Days Per Week

On-site **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday** and Remote Learning on **Wednesday**.

Palombi School: 7:32 a.m. - 11:52 a.m.

Martin and Thompson Schools: 8:15 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.

Hooper School: 9:00 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

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Please take some time to review the plan and talk to your children. Please forward questions that you might have [using this link](#). We are developing a FAQ sheet for parents. We also ask that you provide us with your learning choice for **each** of your children [using this link](#) by **Monday, July 27th**. These links will also be placed on our website under the COVID tomorrow. Please know that if you select full - remote, you cannot transition back to on site until the trimester. Our classes can only house 10 - 13 students. However, if you start on-site, you can shift back to full remote anytime.

Once again, thank you for your patience and support. We realize that this plan will cause some working parents to struggle with childcare on the alternate days when children are not in school. We will try our best to develop class lists as quickly as possible once we have your information so parents can plan accordingly. This is why **we need parent responses no later than Monday, July 27th**. Once this piece of the puzzle is solved, we will be spending our time to continue to develop a more robust remote learning plan since we understand how important this is for the success of our students.

Please care and stay healthy,

*Lynette Zimmer*

Dr. Lynette Zimmer

Superintendent