

## Greetings Littleton Families,

At Littleton Elementary School District, we take the health and safety of our students and staff seriously, that's why it's our number one priority. We work hard to identify any potential threats to our student's well-being, including positive covid cases and screen them before they impact other students. But sometimes we get tests results after students have been together for a while and significant contact has already occurred.

Sending a class home together so that the teacher can continue instruction is inconvenient, but very safety conscious. We strive for our students and staff to benefit from all the advantages of returning to a safe and healthy in-person learning environment. We would prefer our students receive 170 days of in-person learning rather than having them spend any amount of time in a hospital.

We learned a lot from our experience last year. We are confident that our Dynamic Learning model works both at home and at school, and that our teachers are proficient at using it. This is the best balance of student health, safety, and quality instruction. For those who feel strongly about the threat of potential exposure, we have an all-online option for our families.

LESD started school in July, so we have had more in-person learning days than other school districts. Our local vaccination numbers compare lower than in other areas. The numbers are not where we would like them to be. That's why we highly encourage all eligible people to get vaccinated to help protect those who cannot. And again, we ask you to please use masks and social distance.

We are intentionally open and transparent with our school community so that everyone can make informed decisions about what is best for their individual families. WE BELIEVE this honest approach can unite our community to help protect our children and keep our schools open, because together, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

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