



Littleton Public Schools

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Dear Littleton Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well and healthy. Sunny weather recently has been a bright spot during a very difficult time. Today we write to provide an update with regard to the ongoing school closure due to COVID-19. On April 21, 2020, Governor Baker extended the school closure to the end of the school year. With this announcement, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education worked to provide districts with more guidance for remote learning.

On April 24, 2020, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released [additional guidance](#) that builds on the initial guidance released on March 26, 2020. The additional guidance encourages districts to move all students towards successful engagement in remote learning, with a focus on addressing fundamental needs inclusive of [prerequisite content standards](#) that are most critical for student success at the next grade level. Since the guidance was released we have been working with educators to discuss what this would look like for us here in Littleton. Some prerequisite content standards outlined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education were already taught this school year, while others were planned to be taught this spring.

After much consideration, discussion, and preparation, our educators feel confident in adding the prerequisite content standards not previously taught to our remote learning plan. Therefore, starting Monday, May 11, we will begin to move into Phase 5 of our remote learning. All grades PreK-12 are able to progress forward with the Department of Elementary and Secondary prerequisite content standards in order to ensure future success. We understand that remote learning can be difficult for some students and families, therefore, we will continue to utilize our current recommended student schedules along with a continued emphasis on student connection, well-being, and support as we continue our remote learning journey. We will continue to support students where they are as we move forward with remote learning and look forward to a strong finish to the school year

The structure of Phase 5 remote learning will remain as it has been. Students and families will still access information, lessons, and assignments via the [LPS Remote Learning](#) website. Educators will continue to reach out to students and families and place an emphasis on relationships and connections. The change will be in the content that students will be learning, which will progress at an appropriate pace for the students.


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As Teacher Appreciation Week comes to a close, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all educators. We have been in uncharted waters throughout this emergency health crisis, and our educators smoothly transitioned to remote learning while maintaining relationships with an emphasis on student and family wellbeing. We thank them for their ongoing efforts, dedication, and commitment to create learning opportunities that are designed for student success.

We appreciate your continued support, understanding, and partnership as we continue our journey together.

Sincerely,



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