

The school board thanks the staff and parents for their perspectives on the issues facing the start of the school year.

We would like to remind everyone that the school board is a collection of non-paid, elected community members. None of us are experts on serology or constitutional law. We are a collection of community members that cares about education and kids. Every member on this board has given days of personal time throughout the school year to ensure that L-M is a place to learn and have a positive educational experience.

For those who think that we are not doing enough to mitigate the spread, be aware that four of the five members on the board have students enrolled in the school. Our Superintendent, Secondary Principal, and Curriculum Director also have students enrolled. The Administration and Board are risking as much as any other parent or staff member regarding the opening of the school.

For those who think we are mandating too much and encroaching on personal freedoms, we ask for you to be patient as we work through the opening of school. We need to show that the procedures we pass today can boost confidence that the school is a safe place and any infections that do occur can be safely mitigated.

COVID-19 is a reality that this district will be facing for the foreseeable future. There is no perfect solution and people must be flexible to change.

We believe if the illness should occur, it can be contained and treated efficiently following guidelines given to us by the state. The hope is that eventually, a sense of normalcy can be achieved with a few modifications at the school that do not intrude on freedoms.

Thank you for supporting L-M School system.