



Script of Dr. Block's Sept 18, 2020 Video Message

Hello Livingston Public Schools Community. This is Matt Block, Superintendent of Schools.

We could not be more excited for Monday when, for the first time since March, students will return to the halls and classrooms of the Livingston Public Schools. Our Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, and Special Education Self Contained students at all levels will be joining their teachers here in our buildings. We will see our first cohort on Monday and Tuesday and our second Cohort on Wednesday and Thursday. While our youngest students will blaze the way, we hope to be able to bring additional students back to our facilities in the near future.

In the meantime, it has been a pleasure to see our students outside of our schools participating in activities and picking up materials. Athletic programs have begun at Livingston High School, and multiple in-person school events have taken place outdoors. Our virtual back to school nights have begun to happen, and we have received very positive feedback.

Thank you to the Livingston Public Schools Educator team for making so much happen in only the first nine days of the 2020-2021 school year. Be on the lookout for our first edition of **Livingston Leads**, our new remote and hybrid learning-focused newsletter. The first edition will be coming out soon. Information included in the newsletter will be responsive to questions and feedback that has been coming in through our new email address lpsvirtual@livingston.org. If you would like to provide feedback or ask questions about remote learning, I encourage you to email that address. Again the address is lpsvirtual@livingston.org.

As I mentioned in my first video of the year, we are hoping to have our 3-5 students transition to hybrid soon, and then our secondary students return as we are able to address our staffing issues. We have recently heard about some local schools that have been forced to go all remote because of positive Covid cases which were likely spread at parties and other gatherings that occurred outside of school without masks, physical distancing or proper precautions. As we work within the district to reopen our schools, it is equally important that our students, families, and community work to make healthy and responsible choices outside of the district so that we can keep our community spread low.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Livingston Public Schools safe and healthy.

I wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and restful weekend.

Thank you.