



Livingston PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear LPS Families:

It is hard to believe it is already time for our staff and schools to welcome all of our students and families back to Livingston Public Schools for the 2024-2025 school year. Thanks to an entire summer of work by our custodial and maintenance team, administrators, secretaries, and technology staff, we are ready and excited to welcome back more than 6,400 students to our schools on Tuesday. Before we do, I wanted to be sure to send a few reminders for the opening of school logistics:

- **Transportation, traffic, and lunch** present logistical challenges each school year. Please expect that traffic will be extra slow and congested in the first days of school. Bus routes, as well-planned as they may be, might run off schedule.

Please also recognize that the lunch line may move slowly in the first few days of school as our students adjust to purchasing logistics.

We will do everything possible to help parents and students navigate these situations. If history indicates, any logistical issues with the traffic and lunches will be significantly reduced by mid-September. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through any challenges.

- **Security** - Each year, we refine our practices over the summer to ensure we continue to implement best practices in this area. We continue to improve the required school-based threat assessment teams, have enhanced our internal communication systems, and have [posted helpful hints for parents in the case of a lockdown on our website](#).
- **Schoology** - Livingston Public Schools will continue to use the student learning management system (LMS), Schoology. We have chosen Schoology to be our LMS for all students because it is a powerful platform with robust features that will enable you to stay connected with your child's teachers and monitor their progress. Webinars on how to use Schoology will be offered during September for new parents and anyone who wants a refresher!
- **Genesis Parent Portal** - If you haven't done so already, please log on to the **Genesis Parent Portal** to complete all necessary forms. If you have a student in grades 6-12, they must log on to the **Genesis Student Portal** to complete some annual forms. Families who have completed their responsibilities (fees, fines, and forms) on the portal have access to class schedules and assignments.
- **Food Service Provider** - Our partner, Pomptonian Food Services, will continue to bring a top-notch food service program to Livingston that offers a variety of fresh, healthy food options.

[Learn more about Pomptonian](#) and visit [Pomptonian Food Service](#) for menus and nutrition information!

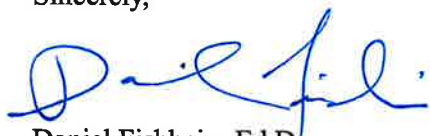
Livingston Public Schools: Empowering all to learn, create, contribute, and grow.

Finally, I am excited to inform you that our staff returned to the district today. It was great introducing myself to our talented educators, who are energized and ready to welcome students back to school. The theme of our Staff Convocation was "It's a Journey." Life is a journey, and schooling is an important part of it.

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor stated: "You cannot dream of becoming something you don't know about. You have to learn to dream big. Education exposes you to what the world has to offer, to the possibilities open to you." We know that our work as educators goes beyond academics. We focus on shaping students as humans through our [Livingston Portrait of a Graduate](#).

Enjoy the remaining summer days, and I hope you are as excited to start the school year as I am.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Fishbein".

Daniel Fishbein, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT DATES 2024:

September	12 - Livingston High School
	16 - Heritage Middle School
	17 - Mt. Pleasant Elementary
	18 - Mt. Pleasant Middle School
	19 - Hillside Elementary & Riker Hill Elementary
	25 - Burnet Hill Elementary & MCC
	26 - Collins Elementary & Harrison Elementary