

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of Harford County Public Schools (HCPS), I am pleased to inform you that your child has been granted a spot in a Learning Support Center (LSC). Significant work has been done to ensure sufficient staffing for all LSC's. Middle and high school sites will open on September 8, 2020. We will implement a gradual entrance for elementary students starting September 8, 2020. For more information about the priorities for the phases, please visit www.hcps.org.

As you know, the 2020-2021 school year will begin with all students learning virtually. Learning Support Centers will be open Monday through Friday in accordance with all HCPS instructional days. Please refer to the 2020-2021 HCPS calendar on www.hcps.org (under About Us, Calendars) for scheduled holidays and school closures. Please see attached elementary, middle, and high school Learning Support Center schedules.

Learning Support Centers will provide students a space to access instruction while adhering to COVID-19 safety guidelines. Students will be supervised by an HCPS employee and have reliable access to the Internet while participating in distance learning with their 'home school' teachers and classmates. Physical distancing guidelines will be adhered to, and face coverings will be required in all HCPS buildings as well as on all school buses in accordance with state and local health department guidance. Please watch a brief video that will give you an understanding of the health and safety guidelines that students and staff will follow while attending the Learning Support Center: (<https://youtu.be/eHhoMUPclKw>)

Right now, the plan is that the Learning Support Center will have a maximum of eight (8) children supported by two adults. This size group will allow for personalized attention while still meeting social distancing guidelines. Staff will be prepared to respond to children's social and emotional needs. While attending the Learning Support Centers, students are expected to be compliant with all school rules and all safety guidelines. Any student not in compliance, may lose their privilege to attend the Learning Support Centers for a period of time or permanently. Parents are reminded that all students participating virtually or in our Learning Support Centers must comply with all Maryland Immunization laws.

Attached with this letter are:

- Learning Support Center Checklist
- Daily schedules by grade level
- Back-to-School Checklist
- Attendance Instructions
- Learning Support Center Location Information

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your child's home school and you will be directed to the appropriate staff member for assistance. We are very pleased to offer your child a place at an HCPS Learning Support Center and look forward to a great school year.

Sincerely,



Sean W. Bulson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools