

Dear Lee-Scott Academy Families,

I wanted to take a moment to check on each of you and your students as the summer is quickly ending and the start of school is approaching!

We continue to meet, review, assess, and make decisions about the school year each day. We are monitoring what other area schools are doing in regards to what is best for their students at this time given the most current information we have from the CDC and ADPH. Each school system faces a different set of challenges in regards to a safe return to campus, and their decisions are unique to their situations at this time. We are receiving information from the CDC, ADPH, Governor's office, AISA, and other private schools daily and quite honestly, there is no clear path these next two weeks. At this time, Lee-Scott Academy will remain on the current school reopening plan unless the ADPH deems it necessary for all schools - public and private - to transition to virtual learning.

Here is what I do know:

- Lee-Scott Academy was founded in 1981 on a firm foundation of faith that has carried us the last 39 years in serving our students and families. We remain committed to those Christian principles and know that while our human eyes are on the storm, He has been and will continue to hold us through it all.
- We are committed to safely re-opening our campus on August 11 to welcome back our students, faculty, and staff. We have been called to serve as educators and as an example of love and grace during these uncertain times in our young people's lives. We believe that it is important for our students to be immersed in face-to-face learning as much as possible. The relationships between our faculty and their students is important for them educationally, socially, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Because of our small class sizes, we are able to safely distance in classrooms and other areas on campus by keeping our lower school students in their class pods and adjusting the bell schedules in the upper school to stagger movement in the hallways. Students will be asked to mask up when in the hallways and other areas when transitioning between classes to ensure safety. We are also making modifications across campus to allow for the use of outdoor spaces during break, lunch, and class time.
- We have made modifications across campus to ensure we are providing the safest environment for our students, faculty, and staff. The steps we have taken can be found in the parent guidebook [HERE](#).
- Our faculty are working tirelessly behind the scenes attending professional development for technology, making plans for both face-to-face and online learning, and adapting their classrooms for safety. They are truly our frontline HEROES in our classrooms and hallways, and I could not ask for a better team to work with during these uncertain times.

Here is what you need to know:

- We have added some additional information to the school reopening plan in regards to Blended Learning. The new information can be found in the reopening guide by clicking

HERE. Families who choose this option must communicate with the principals no later than Wednesday, August 5, about their intent.

- The parent guide to reopening has been updated with more information on masks/face coverings and “When to Stay at Home” information. These changes in the guide are in blue. In addition, LSA has put together a “decision tree” for our administration and school nurse to use as a reference to allow students, faculty, or staff to return to campus in the event of a possible or confirmed COVID case. The parent guide is linked [HERE](#) and the decision tree can be found [HERE](#).

I understand that families will need time to make adjustments should we have to go fully virtual for students and we want to be able to give you that time as quickly as we are able to make decisions. We are committed to communicating changes and decisions in regards to school reopening as quickly as we can once new information is received. Our parents have been incredibly supportive during these uncertain times, and for that we are grateful. In closing, please continue to pray for our government officials, community leaders, schools, administrators, faculty, staff, parents, and our students.

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Hebrews 4:16.

Take care,  
Dr. Stan Cox  
Head of School