Dear LOSD Student Services Parent,

As with everything in this COVID era, rapidly changing information and flexibility are a constant. Please disregard any previous Smart Start information as we have had to make a few, major changes. In preparing to welcome you and your student back to school, we want to take a moment to share what is planned for your student with a 504 or IEP. Please click here for a revised parent/guardian checklist, and continue reading below for specifics about the coming week.

All teachers and staff returned to work this past Tuesday for professional development, collaboration and planning for the coming year. Additionally, teachers and staff are learning of their new assignments, and preparing to support students for success, particularly in virtual classrooms.

- Case managers (counselors and learning specialists) will be introducing themselves to you through an introductory email or phone call by end of day today. Many known case managers may change this year between Hybrid and LO Online, and we understand families are anxious to know who will be supporting them.

- Organizing schedules is much more complex this year than it has been in the past, and it is taking considerably more staff time than in a typical school year. We anticipate middle and high school schedules being finalized by the end of day Monday, Aug. 31, after which teachers will need time to prepare for each student in their classes.

- School principals will reach out to families to communicate when you may expect to hear from your teachers about scheduling Meet and Greet and Smart Start appointments. They will also explain the format and logistics for the Meet and Greet and Smart Start meetings as each school is having to make adjustments in a very short timeframe.

- Smart Start meetings will be scheduled virtually, and they may be scheduled with your Meet and Greet meetings. Additionally, elementary students may request more time for their Smart Start meetings with homeroom teachers, and middle and high school students will have the opportunity to meet with all four of their teachers. More details to come as described in the previous bullet.

- The students are encouraged to share a one-page profile with their teachers to let them know a little bit more about themselves. The fillable form can be emailed to your teacher when scheduling appointments.
• Please save the date for our virtual Student Services Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6-7 p.m. We encourage you to participate in both your school and Student Services events. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your students, and making school the best experience for you.

Sincerely,

Patrick Tomblin, Executive Director of Students Services, LOSD