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The mission of Lake Wales Charter Schools, Inc. is to bring the best of public education to our community by providing innovation and choice within a continuous pre-school through postsecondary curriculum so that each child recognizes the benefits of life-long learning, constructive citizenship and personal happiness.

The Lake Wales Charter Schools, Inc. is an equal opportunity institution for education and employment.

To the Lake Wales Charter School Community,

Yesterday I provided you information about the dates we are planning to reopen Lake Wales Charter Schools. In that communication I noted a trial reopening (**from August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup>**) that will occur prior to our official school reopening on **August 24<sup>th</sup>**. Today I want to provide a few more details regarding the trial reopening.

### Trial School Reopening

#### The Purpose:

The 2020-2021 school re-opening effort will present many new challenges to school operations that will have to be addressed by all schools throughout our state. To better prepare ourselves for the challenge of dealing with such issues as social distancing, maintaining clean and sanitized school environments and most important, providing high quality academic engagement for our students, Lake Wales Charter Schools will implement a school re-opening trial run.

Lake Wales Charter Schools re-opening trial run will seek to provide answers to the following questions/issues:

1. What ability does the Lake Wales Charter School system has to navigate the many challenges related to preventing the spread of COVID-19 among our school population?
2. What impact has the March school closure had on Students with Disabilities (SWD) **and** at-risk student's academic performance?
3. What does academic support look like, feels like and require in a social distancing environment?
4. What will we learn from our trial opening that could be used to guide our work during the 2020-2021 school year?

#### The Trial Opening Plan:

Beginning on **August 10, 2020**, Lake Wales Charter School will operate a two-week academic program to include ESE students which are students with Individual Education Plan (IEP) **and** students needing additional academic support. The academic program will include all of the normal services provided to our students. The primary instructional focus will be reading with all necessary support. Progress monitoring assessments will also be conducted. Student with Individual Education Plans (IEP) will have their plans reviewed during the two-week period. Traditional school services such as food and transportation will also be provided for students requiring them.

The primary academic focus for students during the two weeks of school will be:

1. Reading (math and writing may also be included)
2. Each student will participate in pre and post assessments.
3. The two-week trial will provide an opportunity to promote, support and re-establish social engagement for the students. An effort will also be made to help reacquaint the students to their normal school routines. This will run from Monday through Thursday.

#### Student Participation:

All participating students will be invited to the trial reopening. There will be approximately 20 to 40 students per school. Parents of invited students should expect to receive notification about their child's participation **no later than Monday July 13, 2020**. We urge parents of invited students to support this wonderful initiative that should go a long way towards getting students reacquainted with their schools.

Thanks for your continued support for the Lake Wales Charter Schools system.

Sincerely Yours,

Dr. Jesse L. Jackson