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**August 10, 2020**

**RE: 5<sup>th</sup> Notice for Proposed Reopening Plans for School Year 2020-2021 for LiFT Campuses & Operations**

Dear LiFT Students, Families, & Team Members,

We are now just two (2) weeks away from reopening our doors to our students on **August 24, 2020** and our teachers & leadership are so excited for our students to be back on campus! Our team has been working hard to set up their classrooms, order supplies, participate in trainings & onboarding meetings, install sanitation stations throughout the campus, & preparing to safely welcome back our on-campus learners.

As a reminder, LiFT stands by our commitment for our students & their families by offering enhanced flexibility in choosing either in-person learning or e-learning. However, if a student wishes to change from Zoom e-learning back to in-person learning, we will require advance notice of three (3) school days. This protocol will provide the necessary time for LiFT to make required safety adjustments within the school setting, & for the teachers to plan accordingly for another student in the classroom. These requests will need to be emailed to [info@liftacademy.org](mailto:info@liftacademy.org) to allow the LiFT Leadership Team to receive, review, & approve the change.

Our Leadership Team would like to provide additional clarification regarding the following guidelines & best practices previously disseminated to our families & team members:

- **Face Masks:** Masks are required in any setting where appropriate social distancing guidelines cannot be met safely. Due to the space limitations within our campus, we anticipate masks being required to be worn throughout the school day. The exceptions for this would be limited to the following times: 1) While eating lunch; 2) Drinking from a water bottle; 3) While outdoors for recess, recreation, or outdoor eating/classroom settings. LiFT Leadership & Team Members will be actively enforcing the wearing of masks &/or social distancing throughout the school day.
  - LiFT is adhering to CDC Guidelines, which determine that face shields & other coverings are not recommended to replace masks for protection from spreading the virus. More information can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>.



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- **Campus Entry: If you feel sick, please stay home!** All students, team members, & visitors will be required to go through the baseline symptom testing before being permitted entry on to campus. This includes having a touchless temperature taken to verify a temperature does not exceed 100.4 degrees & answering a series of health screening questions related to COVID-19 symptoms. If anyone does not pass the health screening, they will not be permitted entry to campus & will need to return home immediately. Visitors & volunteers will be permitted entrance by appointment only & only after completing the health screening successfully. Should a student or team member not pass the health screening for two (2) consecutive days, a COVID-19 test will be required & those test results must be provided to LiFT in order to report to the local health department as required.
    - Based on revised CDC Guidelines as of August 01, 2020, a negative test result is NOT required to return to school. However, if a student or team member tests positive for the virus, he or she must self-quarantine for a minimum of 10 calendar days AND be symptom-free for 2 consecutive days before returning to campus.
  - **Daily Screening Requirements:** Please see separate attachment for school day health screening & data input requirements for our students attending in-person. This process will be mandatory for all on campus learners & reports will be pulled each morning prior to student drop off to verify information has been submitted.
  - **E-Learners Supply Pick Up Times:** Please see separate attachment for scheduled days for all e-learners to come by LiFT Academy to pick up all needed educational materials including any necessary textbooks, school-issued supplies, uniforms, &/or laptops (if checking out a laptop).
  - **Uniforms:** To ensure all students are adhering to LiFT's Uniform Policy, uniforms will be required to be worn daily whether on campus or participating in e-learning. The exception for e-learners will be that they will be granted the flexibility to choose any bottom portion of the uniform & footwear options as they wish. Please see separate attachment for refresher on LiFT Uniform Guidelines for your review.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 727-258-7659 or at [info@liftacademy.org](mailto:info@liftacademy.org).

LiFT Leadership will continue to keep our families up to date with our team's efforts, diligence, & recommendations for a safe & effective reopening.



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We sincerely appreciate your ongoing collaboration, flexibility, & assistance with helping to support these changes & we look forward to safely welcoming back all of our students for another great year!

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shawn Naugle", is written over a light blue background.

Shawn Naugle, MPA

Executive Director

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