

District explores scenarios for fall reopening of school buildings

Summer has just begun, but the LCSD Reopening Team - made up of LCSD administrators, staff members, board of education members, school resource officers, parents and students - has been meeting regularly to prepare for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

The Reopening Team has met three times to discuss the various aspects of reopening Liberty's schools, including possible scenarios, transportation, and, most importantly, how to best keep staff and students healthy and safe while providing the most complete educational program possible. The committee will meet again July 23.

The decision-making process will include ample input from the Liberty community; the district will host a virtual community forum to discuss reopening options (tentatively set for 7 p.m. July 28), and a community survey will be conducted.

Meanwhile, many unknowns remain - the COVID-19 pandemic is not resolved and many mandated health and safety protocols, including masks, social distancing, and other measures, will very likely still be in place come September.

New York State Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo has announced that a decision about the fall reopening of schools will be announced during the first week of August. State officials are currently consulting with stakeholders on guidance. All state school districts must submit their individual reopening plans to the state by July 31.