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October 4, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Through our Digital Learning Initiatives, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has approved Loogootee Schools to utilize eLearning days for the 2018-19 school year.

LCSC will be utilizing Friday, November 2, 2018 as an eLearning Day. We are choosing this date for an eLearning day due to the fact that a large portion of our student population will be at the state Beta Convention.

An eLearning Day is an opportunity to expose students to 21st century skills using technology as an avenue for learning. eLearning Days are designed to allow students to work from home on assignments posted to the Loogootee School webpage www.loogootee.k12.in.us This eLearning Day also provides us the opportunity to explore our ability to keep the learning process seamless for future days of school when we have inclement weather.

Although we would like for all students to take advantage of this eLearning Day opportunity, all Loogootee Schools will be open, buses will be running and breakfast and lunch will be served in our cafeterias. Students who choose to attend school on November 2nd, 2018, will be assigned to a learning room and will complete their assignments digitally under the supervision of an instructional assistant. Loogootee teachers will be doing professional development on "Growth Mindset" under the direction of a respected national educational consultant using ROI grant money.

Components of this eLearning Day (November 2) will include:

- All eLearning assignments will be posted on the corporation website at 4:00 pm on Thursday, November 1. If paper copies are given to students earlier in the day, the assignment instructions along with an electronic copy will be posted as well.
- Assignments for the eLearning Day will be due at the end of the school day on Monday, November 5th. Additional time will be allotted at each individual teacher's discretion.

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- Teachers will be available on their email and/or school phone (corporation website will list extension numbers) from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. on November 2nd (unless they are chaperoning Beta. Teachers chaperoning Beta will post their office hours on the school website with their assignments.)
- Any Loogootee students who choose to attend school on this day will be supervised by instructional assistants in an assigned learning room. Students who wish to leave when their work is finished will need a parent/guardian to sign them out as they do on traditional school days.
- Breakfast and lunch will be available to any student who requires supervision at school. Bus transportation will be provided at the normal schedule (if needed). Students may also come to school at 11:30 a.m. to just eat lunch if they wish (parents are required to provide transportation if a student wishes to attend school just to eat lunch.)
- In each Loogootee School, a learning room will be open all day on Friday, November 2nd for all students to get technology help or to just have access to the Internet. McDonalds and the Loogootee Public Library also have internet access.
- All students, grades K-12, will be taking Chromebook devices home over the weekend, November 2 - November 4. Chromebooks should be returned to school on Monday, November 5.
- By participating in the eLearning day through providing evidence of work, a student will earn attendance credit for the school day.
- For students with limited or no access to the Internet, assignments may be downloaded on Chromebooks and/or paper copies of assignments will be provided and given to those students before going home on Thursday, November 1.
- Additional eLearning information will be available on the corporation website at www.loogootee.k12.in.us and you are always welcome to contact your school office with any questions.
- Information about the Indiana eLearning Day program can be found on the Indiana Department of Education website at <https://www.doe.in.gov/elearning/elearning-day-program>.

Sincerely,



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