



December 20, 2022

Hello Lawrence Public Schools families.

With the holiday break just a few days away, I want to briefly share some important reminders and updates.

- This Friday, December 23 is a half day for all schools, with no pre-K. LPS returns from vacation on Wednesday, January 4.
- As we did at Thanksgiving, LPS is issuing rapid at-home COVID test kits to all students and staff as a back-to-school COVID mitigation measure. A test kit will be sent home from school with your child this week. It is recommended that children test on Tuesday, January 3, and positive results be reported to your school nurse. (Note that test kits have received an extended expiration date from the US Food & Drug Administration; you can confirm your test's expiration date [here](#).)
- The next Tu Voz Council meeting will take place virtually on Thursday, January 19 at 6pm. [Registration is open now](#) – please consider adding your voice to the important work the Council continues to do!

This is also a good time of year to remind everyone that [LawrencePublicSchools.org](https://www.lawrencepublicschools.org) offers the most current information and links to LPS social media accounts and content – perfect for staying up to date on things like weather delays and cancellations!

Finally, as I shared last week, I am stepping away from my position as LPS superintendent, effective January 13. I want to express once again my gratitude for the opportunity to serve this extraordinary community – I will miss your children more than I can say, and can't wait to see what their futures hold.

Have a wonderful holiday season and happy new year,

Cynthia Paris
Superintendent of Schools