# LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

# SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA September 29, 2020 Virtual Meeting

Meeting Called to Order

Introduction of Guests

Opportunity for Public Comment regarding Agenda Items

For Board Action

**Old Business** 

**New Business** 

Opportunity for Public Comment

Adjournment

## LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## FOR BOARD ACTION

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED SPECTATOR GUIDELINES FOR FALL ATHLETIC EVENTS

Recommend the approval of the revised spectator guidelines for fall athletic events, as posted. This recommendation may be invalidated in the event the Third Circuit Court of Appeals issues a "stay" of the decision of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania holding that the Governor's restrictions on mass gatherings are unconstitutional and unenforceable.

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## **REVISED SPECTATOR GUIDELINES (9/28/20)**

Given the changing rules surrounding spectators at athletic events, Lampeter-Strasburg School District has updated our plan to allow a limited number of additional invited guests to our venues. Our first priority continues to be for our student athletes, cheerleaders and musicians to be able to participate, followed by allowing family members to spectate as space allows. Plan updates are noted in red.

We are happy to announce that the 2020 Pioneer fall sports season officially began on Friday, September 4. Practices are underway and scrimmages begin this weekend. For the safety of athletes, staff, fans, and our community, events will follow the guidelines laid out in the District's <a href="Athletics Health and Safety Plan">Athletics Health and Safety Plan</a>, as well as plans from the CDC and the PA Department of Health. We are also working in partnership with Wellspan Family & Sports Medicine and the Lancaster-Lebanon Athletic Association (the L-L League) for the upcoming season.

We ask that everyone review and follow the regulations below so that student athletes can safely compete for the full season. We need everyone's help because . . . Kids come first. We ARE L-S. We ARE family. We are ALL in this together!

#### **Indoor Events:**

- No more than 25 people may attend an indoor event. This includes athletes, coaches, media, and staff.
- Because of this, no spectators will be allowed at indoor events.
- Due to the refinishing of our competition gymnasium floor (from water damage), and holding indoor events at an alternate location, spectators will not be permitted at indoor events until the week of October 4, 2020.
- Any person who is not actively engaged in competition must wear a face covering (i.e. mask, face shield) at all times.
- Beginning the week of October 4, 2020
  In order to maintain social distancing in accordance with our health and safety plans, for an indoor event, Lampeter-Strasburg School District will permit 4 invited guests for each home team member. If space allows, the athletic director will consult with the opposing team regarding permitted visitor invited guests. In order to maintain social distancing in accordance with our health and safety plans, facial coverings are required of all invited guests throughout an entire indoor event.

## **Outdoor Events:**

- No more than 250 people may attend an outdoor event. This includes athletes, coaches, staff, media, and spectators.
- Any person who is not actively engaged in competition must wear a face covering (i.e. mask, face shield) whenever distancing of at least six feet is not possible. This is mandatory in accordance with the District's health and safety plan. Facial coverings must

be worn while entering/exiting or moving around the outdoor facility. Anyone who refuses to wear a face covering and/or socially distance will be asked to leave the athletic venue.

- When attendance approaches 250 an inability for spectators to safely social distance, preference will be given to athletes' immediate family members.
  - At varsity field hockey, boys and girls soccer, and football games, spectators will
    only be admitted with original passes made by the athletic department. Student
    athletes will receive 1-3 passes prior to each event.
- Due to heavy restrictions on food service, there will be no concessions during the 2020 fall sports season.
- L-S will not charge admission fees for the 2020 fall sports season

#### **Football Games:**

- In addition to the above rules for outdoor events, no visiting team spectators will be permitted at any L-L League football games.
- In order to maintain social distancing in accordance with our health and safety plans, for an outdoor event inside the stadium, Lampeter-Strasburg School District will permit 3 invited guests for each home team member and cheerleader. If space allows, the athletic director will consult with the opposing team regarding permitted visitor invited guests. ALL invited guests must be seated in the designated bleacher areas. NO congregating/standing is permitted inside the stadium for everyone's safety.
- Lampeter-Strasburg Marching Band will perform their show on Thursday (day prior to home football games) for their invited family members to watch. The band will participate during home football games near the endzone--they will NOT be performing their show on game days.
- The cheerleaders and marching band will participate at home games only.
- At Lampeter-Strasburg School District our focus always has been and always will be on our students. We know that attendance at these events by our student section is an important part of our school experience, however, in order to accommodate families, we are unable to accommodate a student section on campus at this time.

## Live Streaming:

 All JV and varsity events in the stadium and the L-S High School competition gym will be live streamed on the <u>L-S Athletics YouTube</u> channel. Other districts in the L-L League also will be live streaming games when possible.

#### Please Note:

- Other school districts may have other rules in place. Please be sure you understand the rules at other school district's events should you choose to be a spectator at an away event when permitted.
- Lampeter-Strasburg School District is aware of legislation currently being discussed at
  the state level which could alter our current plans. If this legislation passes, we will
  update our plans accordingly, following all orders, mandates and guidance to continue to
  ensure the health and safety of everyone involved. Please understand that any change
  will take some time and planning to achieve. In the meantime, these are the rules for

participation in any of these events. We ask for your patience, grace and cooperation should changes need to be made.

Further guidance on logistics will be provided by the athletic department. You may contact that office with questions at (717) 464-3311, ext. 2005.