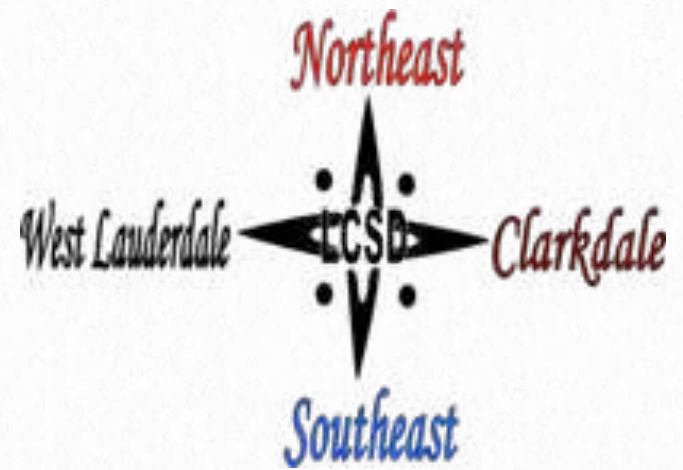


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LCSD...*Imagine the Possibilities*

Winter weather in Mississippi can certainly be unpredictable, as we were recently reminded. One day we may have warm, spring like temperatures and the next day a frigid, arctic blast. When threats of inclement weather arise, decisions concerning opening or closing school are not made lightly, but rather based on input from the Lauderdale County Emergency Management Association (LEMA), other education leaders, and local professionals. Lauderdale County School District geographically serves a large area, which requires school buses to travel on all type of road conditions. Whenever I am faced with making this sometimes difficult call, please be mindful I will always err on the side of caution when it comes to student safety. When there is any change in the school schedule, we will notify you through social media, local television outlets, and through the LCSD automated call feature.

The winter months also bring cold and flu season. Although school attendance is of the utmost importance to academic success, when students are sick, they need to be home. The Centers for Disease Control recognizes the best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated, but other good health habits can also help stop the spread of germs, such as avoiding close contact, covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing with a bent arm, washing your hands often with soap and water, avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth, getting plenty of sleep, making healthy food choices, and drinking plenty of fluids. It is also equally important to routinely clean frequently touched objects and surfaces, such as doorknobs, keyboards, desks, etc. Again, when students are sick, stay home. It is the policy of Lauderdale County School District that students must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications before returning to school. In addition, it is critical for parents to ensure the school has accurate contact information in the event a student becomes sick at school.

Lauderdale County School District has launched a new YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slhB9xHyO10>) entitled "Imagine the Possibilities." Andrea Williams, Director of Communications, launched this new site as a means to help our students and parents to consider a variety of career options and what it takes to make the dream a reality. From now to the end of school, each day a local professional will give a testimonial of their path to success and how others can follow in their footsteps. Think of it as a Lauderdale County School District career fair at your fingertips. If you have not visited this site, I encourage you to do so and subscribe, as we seek to expand our reach throughout our own community and beyond. We would like to thank members of the community for their support in this endeavor to help all students in Lauderdale County School District succeed and "Imagine the Possibilities."



Dr. John-Mark Cain, Superintendent

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