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PRESS RELEASE

Lincoln High School will return to in-person learning tomorrow, Thursday, August 31, 2023. A huge thank you to the Vincennes Fire Department and Chief Bobe, along with the other responding departments. We also want to extend a huge thank you to Sure Clean and Burkhart Insurance for being on top of the situation and offering their many different resources. We also want to thank the Knox County Health Department. They are the ones that have approved us to return to normal operations as it pertains to the cafeteria part of LHS. Huge thank you as well goes out to our partner of Sodexo and the many different people who have labored from facilities to kitchen services so that we can be back up and running.

As was stated yesterday, the fire was caused from something electrical tied to the dishwasher which is in a separate room from the actual kitchen. It will take us a week or so to get the kitchen back up to being fully operational. Our outstanding LHS food service team led by Christy Cline will temporarily satellite food preparation from other VCSC kitchens and students will receive breakfast and lunch, but within the sack options until we can return to more business as usual in offering the wide array of offerings.

Thank you as well to the LHS/VCSC administrative team for their efforts.

We are thankful that there were no injuries and more importantly we take satisfaction in knowing that the systems and processes that we have in place for items such as fire worked. This included our fire sprinkler system which in large part had the fire out as fire crews began arriving.

We will be back to business as usual as well this evening with the different extra-curricular events and practices and these will be held at LHS.

Please also know that the facility is safe and free of any smoke or water damage. If the facility were not safe, we would not return students, staff, and patrons to the building. But again, we thank the Knox County Health Department for doing their due diligence that allows us to return to the facility.

Go Big Green!