

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Administrative Unit Thirty

"Ensuring success with every student, every day, in every way"

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Good Day, Laconia School District Staff and Families.

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a wonderful break and that you enjoyed spending time with your loved ones. Though breaks like these seem to pass too quickly, these times are important in keeping us balanced, rested, and connected.

There were so many great stories of our school community giving to others during the holiday. Many of you played a role in these efforts and made someone else's holiday a little more special. I am proud to be a part of a community that cares so much for others. One example of this spirit of giving involved an anonymous couple from our community who gave some of our families \$10,000 worth of gift cards to local restaurants. [Click here](#) to see this story in *The Laconia Sun* last Saturday.

We resumed our hybrid schedule in all of our schools today. When the School Board meets on Tuesday, I will be presenting COVID-19 data to consider in determining if we will continue in the hybrid schedule that we have been in since November 23 or transition to remote. As you know, we have transitioned to remote at times in some of our schools because of high numbers of staff who had to quarantine.

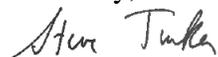
We were notified of two staff members at Woodland Heights Elementary School, a student at the Laconia Middle School, and two students at Pleasant Street School who tested positive for COVID-19 over the break. We have determined that there were no close contacts in any of these cases.

On a personal note, after I tested positive for COVID-19 with a rapid test on December 9th and finished my quarantine, I took a PCR test. That test result was negative. My physician concluded that it was likely I did not have COVID-19, and that my mild symptoms were probably lingering from walking pneumonia that I was diagnosed with earlier.

As we leave the year 2020 behind us, it is a good time to have hope and optimism as we start 2021. It is important that we continue to follow the health guidelines that include: mask wearing, physical distancing, travel regulations, hand washing, and coughing/sneezing into a tissue or the inside of your elbow. We will get through this, but these guidelines and others are critical to follow in our effort to continue to offer in-person learning in the Laconia schools.

Happy 2021 and have a fantastic week!

Sincerely,



Steve Tucker
Superintendent
Laconia School District