

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Administrative Unit Thirty

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

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Dear Laconia School District Community,

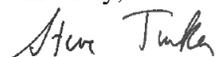
In the last few weeks of this unusual school year, I hope that this letter finds you well. Since Governor Sununu's emergency order that closed schools beginning on March 16th, we continue to work as a school community to continue to provide educational opportunities to homes from homes. We have learned much along the way and have tried to be flexible and adaptable. Despite our collective efforts, we understand that this has been a challenging time for all of us. Balancing school and work with our personal lives and having limited social interaction, albeit for the sake of health and safety of all of us.

As we enter the last few weeks of remote learning for the 2019-20 school year, here are a few updates and reminders about the end of year and the summer:

1. **Last days of school:** Remote instruction for students ends on Friday, June 5th. There are four (4) flex days built in as flex days for students the following week from Monday, June 8th to Thursday, June 11th.
2. **End of year celebrations:** There are end of year celebrations in all of our schools for students moving onto new schools in the district next year and who are graduating. These events will look different than what we have done in the past. Building principals will be sending out details about these events.
3. **Grading:** Elementary schools will issue end of year progress reports based on the schools' Work Study Practices (communication, collaboration, creativity, and self-direction) and narrative feedback on general progress, math, and literacy. Students at our middle and high schools will be graded using the traditional grading system.
4. **Extended School Year (ESY) and summer programming:** Because of the current guidelines that have been issued in our state and city, both ESY and summer programming will be offered remotely this summer. If there are any changes to these guidelines, we will re-evaluate and make adjustments if possible.
5. **Advancing to the next grade:** No students will be held back in their grade going into the 2020-21 school year. There will be opportunities for students to receive summer learning opportunities (described above) and supports in the fall. We will make adjustments in the curriculum and meet students where they are at next year.
6. **2020-21 school year:** This summer, we will be engaging in planning for the opening of school next year. At this point, we have not received guidance to help us frame what this will look like. We will plan for opening school in a variety of different ways.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support of our students, staff, and schools.

Sincerely,



Steve Tucker
Superintendent
Laconia School District