

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.

I hope that this communication finds you well as we begin our last full week of days in May. The weather has been and continues to be glorious, which allows us to have more flexibility and opportunities with children. We have continued to hold in-person activities and celebrations for our kids. Last Friday, the Laconia High School chapter of its National Honor Society inducted a new group of students at an in-person event in the newly-renovated LHS Donald F. Piper Auditorium. Each of the inductees spoke about a skill or attribute that they had learned or developed with the support of our school community. It was very powerful to hear this elite group of students reflect on their experiences and their learning in our schools.

Here are some updates:

Last Tuesday, the School Board approved the **addition of 19 staff members** who will work directly with children in all of our schools next year. The people who fill these one-year positions will support teaching and learning in a variety of ways in all of our schools. These positions will be funded with the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) money the district received this school year. We will begin the hiring process for these positions next week. We are also looking at additional staff and supports for our students beyond the 2021-22 school year.

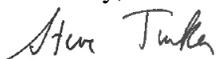
Our School Re-Opening Task Force met for the last time this year last Wednesday. At this meeting, we reviewed our health protocols, Covid-19 data, information about vaccinations, additional staffing for next school year, and talked about what next year would look like. The overwhelming sentiment of the group was that we hope to have as traditional an opening as possible in the fall of 2021.

Our staff continues to prepare for **summer programming**. We are offering a unique experience at each level (elementary, middle, and high) called a Summer Learning Lab. Staff working in the labs are receiving professional development to prepare and teach through project-based learning experiences for students. Students will engage in a project where they develop and improve academic skills, including those in our Portrait of a Graduate (collaboration, communication, creativity, perseverance, problem-solving, and self-direction). At the end of the summer, students in these labs will showcase their learning. For more information, please contact your child's respective school.

Covid-19 Update: We continue to see Covid-19 cases in Laconia, our county, and our state trend downward. Since my last communication with you last week, we were notified of three students who tested positive: two (2) at LHS and one at Elm Street Elementary School. As a result of the case at Elm Street School, the first grade had to pivot to remote. All of our decisions are made with guidance from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

I hope you have a fantastic week.

Sincerely,



Steve Tucker
Superintendent
Laconia School District