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## Report finds Laconia High falls short in some areas

BY RICK GREEN  
THE LACONIA DAILY SUN

LACONIA — The high school falls short on four out of six standards required to maintain accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Laconia High School failed to meet standards for learning resources, professional practices, student learning and learning culture. It met a second learning culture standard and a learning support standard.

Superintendent Brendan Minnihan and Principal Michael Frederickson said there is ample time to reach these standards. They said improvements have been or are in the process of being made.

The report was given to the school over the summer.

The association is the oldest of the six regional accrediting agencies in the United States and school officials are intensely interested in maintaining this accreditation.

The review process began with a self-reflection report generated by the school. Then a three-member team spent two days in Laconia, May 24-25, to review that self-study and to meet with administrators, teachers, other school personnel, students and parents, and to visit classes.

In two years, a bigger team will pay a visit to see how improvement goals are being met, Minnihan said Monday.

"This is the way the process works," he said. "They are looking for areas of improvement. It doesn't mean that you aren't doing anything in those areas, it is just saying, 'This is an area you can devote time and resources to.'"

Schools are given every opportunity to make needed improvements and ultimately pass accreditation, he said.

The learning culture standard requires that "the school community provides a safe, positive,

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Usiah Perez, Ryan Greene and Adam VanPrat are leading their class's effort to collect enough non-perishable food to fill their school's gymnasium floor, and they're asking for the public's help to do so by Thanksgiving. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

## Their cause is cans

### Elm Street students seek to cover gym floor with food

BY ADAM DRAPCHO  
THE LACONIA DAILY SUN

LACONIA — Here's a word problem: If the floor of a large room measures 1,674 square feet, and a box of non-perishable food covers 176 square inches, how many boxes of food would it take to fill the room?

Andrea Morin's fifth grade class has already done the math for you. They know that the answer is 1,380 boxes. Trying to collect that much food, though, is another lesson altogether.

"We're trying to go with personal learning," said Morin a 29-year teaching veteran, who has spent most of her career at Elm Street School in Laconia. When she challenged her students to come up with a project that would involve calculating area, they

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## Alton police officer lauded for D.A.R.E. work

BY MICHAEL MORTENSEN  
THE LACONIA DAILY SUN

ALTON — After just two years as the town's school resource officer, Officer Kristian Guest has been honored for her work in anti-drug education and her devotion to students who find them caught in the grip of drug use.

Guest was honored as the state's D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year at a ceremony held last week in Concord.

Guest was hired by the Alton Police

Department two years ago specifically to be school resource officer at Alton Central School and Prospect Mountain High School, said Police Chief Ryan Heath.

"She's had a remarkable impact on students," said Lois Stevens, the director of special services at Prospect Mountain, who nominated Guest for the award.

D.A.R.E. — short for Drug Abuse Resistance Education — is a program for youngsters in kindergarten through

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# Student effort combines math, problem solving and community service

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suggested that they could cover the school's gymnasium floor with canned goods.

"The students had to decide what we could do for the community," Morin said. All of the non-perishable food will be delivered to the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Their goal is to collect the 1,380 boxes of food by Thanksgiving.

In addition to the math, students are learning a good bit of problem solving, Morin said. For example, the students can't leave a growing pile of canned goods on the gymnasium

floor, and it would be unmanageable to have 1,380 boxes stacked up in their classroom waiting for food to arrive, so they have 10 boxes that they are filling up, then recording their progress on a chart, bringing the food to the pantry and returning with the empty boxes.

And they're learning that even fifth graders can make a significant difference.

The project is being spearheaded by three students: Adam VanPrat, Ryan Greene and Usiah Perez. For two of the boys, local food pantries are something they already knew about.

Greene said he knows what it's like to have to ask for help.

"You can't afford food, you don't really live in a house," Greene said, referring to a time when he and his family depended on friends to provide temporary housing.

"It's terrible," Perez said. At one period in his life, he said he had to be "careful" about how much he ate. "You can't eat that much because you have to save for the next day, it makes you feel terrible."

They put the call for donations out last week to the rest of the school, and quickly filled 12 boxes with donations.

"It feels good to help," said VanPrat. "We still have a long way to go."

They are welcoming help from outside of the school to fill the remaining

1,368 boxes.

Perez said, "Any canned food or dried food," would do, though he specifically suggested macaroni and cheese, Jello, rice and pudding. Or they could donate his favorites: Chef Boyardee's Pizza Maker kit, and, "definitely some peach slices."

Those who wish to make a monetary donation can make a check out to Elm Street School, with "Cans for a Cause" in the memo line, and bring it to the school, Morin said.

"Help us reach our goal," said Greene.

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## Laconia Police log

LACONIA — Laconia police responded to 131 calls for service during the 72-hour period ending at noon Monday.

Four people were arrested.

William D. Wingate, 47, of 11 Kentfield Court, in Laconia, was arrested on a warrant.

Alexi Chertok, 23, of 1839 Flatbush Ave., in Brooklyn, New York, was arrested on a bench warrant and on a charge of simple assault.

Kristen L. Alexander-Gray, 42, of 32 Appleton St., in Laconia, was arrested on a bench warrant.

Chad Brooks, 21, with no fixed address, was arrested on two bench warrants.

There were 25 motor vehicle stops.

Police investigated traffic accidents on Court Street, Main Street, Union Avenue, at Lakes Region General Hospital, and the parking lot of Vista Foods.

The report of a burglary on Gale Avenue was investigated.

Officers looked into five complaints about animals.

Police responded to 15 reports of disturbances.

One report of fraud was investigated.

Thefts were reported on Union Avenue and on Kentfield Court.

Police investigated a report of criminal trespass at Vista Foods.



## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Tuesday- October 16, 2018

Tilton Town Hall

257 Main Street, Tilton, NH

#### AGENDA

6:00 PM Call to order.

**ZBA Case 18-06 Continuation of Special Exception Application** from Jonathan Matteau pursuant to Zoning Article 6.II.A.9 to allow for the keeping of chickens at 21 Mountain View Drive in the Medium Residential District (R26/55)

**ZBA Case 18-07 Continuation of Special Exception Application** from Aimee Amirault pursuant to Zoning Article 6.II.A.9 to allow for the keeping of 4 chickens at 91 Winter Street in the Medium Residential District (R17/18)

**ZBA Case 18-08 Variance Application** from Brittany Maia pursuant to Zoning Article 6.I.E.6 to allow for the operation of a commercial kennel at 504 Laconia Road in the Mixed Use District (R10/7)

#### Other Business:

Review the July 17 & August 28, 2018 minutes  
Correspondence  
Other