

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Administrative Unit Thirty

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

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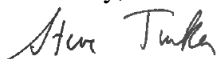
Dear Laconia School District Students, Staff, and Families,

Last Wednesday, the Laconia School Board approved an updated proposal to phase students in from an alternating, Red and White day schedule to one that brings them to school every day. The plan calls for us to do this gradually, carefully, and cautiously. Since then, we have phased in our seniors, juniors and kindergarten students. Several staff, students and parents have shared their happiness in seeing phased-in students every day. If the data remains favorable, the phase-in of more students will continue until all of our face-to-face students are in by the beginning of Quarter 2, which is November 16, 2020. Below is some more important information as we continue to phase more students in:

1. Our **health protocols** are important in mitigating the potential threat of COVID-19. Dr. Benjamin Chan, the state epidemiologist, emphasized the importance of the "layers of protection that schools have implemented" to promote health and safety. These layers include:
 - a. Physical (or social) distancing
 - b. Wearing a mask
 - c. Washing your hands frequently
 - d. Staying home if you have a fever or if you are not feeling well
 - e. Clearing and disinfecting frequently-touched objects and surfaces
 - f. Completing the [daily COVID-19 health screen](#) for symptoms, close contact, and travel
 - g. Respiratory etiquette (coughing into your elbow)
 - h. Quarantine
2. **Instructional modes:** The New Hampshire Department of Public Health (DHHS) and the Bureau of Infectious Disease developed [a tool with a variety of metrics](#) to provide guidance as to what mode of instruction a school district can be in. These metrics are based on local and regional COVID-19 community transmission and various school-level factors. DHHS has established a ["COVID-19 Schools Dashboard"](#) to provide information about community transmission of the virus by county and cases in schools. At the Board meeting earlier this week, I talked about four modes of instruction and using data to inform decisions about the mode that our schools should be in using the health and safety protocols established in our reopening of school guidance. We are prepared to shift from one mode to another if the data warrants us to do so:
 - a. Remote
 - b. Hybrid
 - c. Phase-in
 - d. Full face-to-face
3. Our **[health and safety guidelines include responses to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases](#)** in the Laconia School District. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provides guidance in these scenarios.
4. **[Information about in-service, parent-teacher conferences, and school closure](#)**

Thank you for your continued efforts to support our students and our school community.

Sincerely,



Steve Tucker

Superintendent of the Laconia School District