

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Administrative Unit Thirty

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

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Good Morning, Laconia School Staff and Families.

I hope that your entry into the year 2021 continues to go smoothly and that this communication finds you well. In our schools, we are almost at the half-way point of the 2020-21 school year. The last day of the semester is Friday, January 29th. Our staff is working diligently to stay focused on the work at hand in our schools and on our children.

As we begin the week, here are a few updates:

Reconsideration Date: We established January 11th as the date for families to request a change in their respective mode of instruction. Families will be receiving communication from their child's schools on this. At this point, we have little flexibility to move students from in-person learning to the remote division. We are able to move students from the remote division to in-person learning. Based on the decision-making matrix New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), our in-person students are continuing in a hybrid, alternating day schedule. Based on the current COVID-19 data, the hybrid schedule makes it easier for us to maintain the maximum physical distance of the 3 to 6 feet guideline. We will continue using this matrix in making decisions about the instructional mode that we use.

COVID-19 Update: Since my last communication with you, we were notified of some positive COVID-19 cases in the district. Three students tested positive, including one at Pleasant Street School, one at the Laconia Middle School, and one at Laconia High School. Because all of these students had been home since the start of the holiday vacation, there were no close contacts in any of these cases.

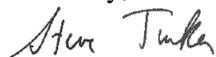
Diversity and Inclusion Task Force: This group will continue to work on our diversity and inclusion plan and prepare for some work sessions on the January 22nd in-service day.

Portrait of a Graduate Task Force: This group will meet on Tuesday to continue its work on examining assessments given in the district. We will also examine tools to provide feedback on the six (6) skills in the Portrait and continue with our book read of Thomas Guskey's *On Your Mark: Challenging the Conventions of Grading and Reporting*.

Days off for students in January: Please remember that there are two days this month where there will be no school for our remote and in-person students. Monday, January 18th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and is a federal holiday. Friday, January 22nd is a scheduled teacher workshop day.

Thank you for all that you are doing to provide and support education for our children in Laconia.

Sincerely,



Steve Tucker

Superintendent of the Laconia School District