

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 Community.

Last night, after a lengthy discussion at the Laconia School Board meeting, we decided to extend the alternating, Red-White schedule past September 30th. A schedule of what the Red and White days will be for the month of October will be sent and shared in the next few days so that families can plan accordingly.

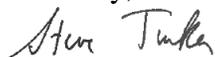
The reason we began the school year with an alternating day schedule was to phase-in slowly to give students and staff time to learn and acclimate to the new routines established by back-to-school guidelines. Our students, staff and families deserve much credit for a great start to the 2020-21 school year under these conditions. I am proud of our community effort and our ability to come together for our children in Laconia.

There are still challenges that we face and questions about the future. Simultaneously staffing our face-to-face and remote programs, transportation, arranging our physical spaces to allow to 3 to 6 feet of physical distancing, and developing new routines have taken significant time, effort, and resources. Students coming back in full requires more consideration and planning.

At the same time, our school community has a history of coming together for kids. In the past year, we launched a remote learning program in one-week last spring. During that time, we established a system of grab-and-go meals to feed our children. We are one of the few school districts to hold a full, in-person graduation for the Class of 2020 last spring. We have successfully opened the school year after our buildings were closed for 6 months. We are continuing to offer extra-curricular opportunities to our students.

Extending the September 30th full phase-in date will allow us to get more information that best serves our school community under the current return-to-school guidelines. In addition to assessing our classroom spaces and sizes, bus counts, district protocols, and various building plans, we will also be surveying stakeholders in the school community to increase our understanding of the perspectives of stakeholders in our community. We will continue to inform and engage the School Board with a goal of doing what is best for our children in Laconia. We will update School Board at the next meeting, which will be held at the Huot Culinary Arts Center on Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30 PM. Your input on the surveys we send out will be important in our decision-making. We look forward to getting your feedback soon.

Sincerely,



Steve Tucker
Superintendent
Laconia School District