

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 Community,

On July 1, I officially assumed the role as the Superintendent of Schools in Laconia after being hired last February. I began my career in education as a teacher, coach, advisor, and administrator at Laconia High School for 21 years. I am humbled and excited to serve our community in this role. I appreciate the support and kind words that you have offered during my transition. It is an honor to return to the District as the Superintendent of Schools and to work and learn along with you.

Even though we are in the middle of summer vacation, staff remain busy in our schools. The City Council has passed the School Board's budget for 2019-20, so in a sense, the new school year has begun.

Work on our facilities is happening throughout the District. We are fortunate to have Bill Caruso return to the district as the Facility Director to take the lead on these projects and more:

- More energy-efficient bulbs are being installed in all light fixtures in the District.
- The roof at Woodland Heights is being replaced and the roof at Pleasant Street is being repaired.
- Playgrounds are being renovated.
- There are flooring and painting projects happening in our schools.
- Irrigation work is being done at LHS.
- The gym floor at LHS is being resurfaced.

Our Information Technology Team has been busy:

- Setting up Alma, our new student information system.
- Getting 1:1 devices and classroom computer carts ready for the fall.
- Setting up security cameras.
- Checking the network to make sure that it is secure and functioning.
- Upgrading and repairing hardware throughout the District.

Students are continuing to learn in our schools in the following programs:

- Life skills programs are running at LMS and LHS.
- Credit recovery programs at LHS.
- Huot Technical Center Camp.
- Extended Year School (ESY) programming continues at Woodland Heights and Pleasant Street.
- The Office of Extended Learning is offering a variety of camps and enrichment opportunities at Pleasant Street and LMS. Students are coding, entrepreneurship, farming, creating digital art, learning martial arts, and so much more.

Our teachers are and will be engaged in professional development. Here is what our teachers are working on this summer:

- Work Study Practices and report card work (Elementary).
- Performance Assessment for Competency Education (PACE) conferences in Bow (Elementary, Middle, and High).
- Project Based Learning with the Buck Institute (Elementary)
- ELA learning progressions (Elementary, Middle, and High).
- 1:1 training (Educators in Grades 5-12).
- Math Institute (Elementary).
- Responsive Classroom (Elementary).
- Putting Practices into Action (Elementary).

On Wednesday, July 31st in the Meredith Village Savings Bank Culinary Arts Center in the Huot Technical Center at 6:00 PM, I'd like to personally invite you to engage in a community conversation about our Pre-K to 12 Portrait of a Graduate. Our goal is to engage a variety of stakeholders in the school community in a dialogue about what attributes we want our students in Laconia to possess to be college, career, community, and life ready in the 21st Century. Please let me know if you can be there so we can plan accordingly. My email is stucker@laconiaschools.org.

I hope that you are all getting a chance to enjoy yourselves this summer.

Sincerely,
Steve Tucker
Superintendent of Schools
Laconia School District