## 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 District Staff, Students, and Families.

Last night, the Laconia School Board voted to shift from a hybrid mode of instruction to full-in person learning with our face-to-face students effective on Monday, March 22nd. Here is some important information about this transition:

<u>Staff vaccinations:</u> Lakes Region General Hospital (LRGH) is a site for all staff who want to receive a Covid-19 vaccination beginning on Friday, March 19th. More staff will be vaccinated on March 22nd, 24th, and 25th. These March dates are for the first of two shots. The second shots will be scheduled later in April. Though testing continues to be important in promoting health in our community, it is exciting to now be talking more about vaccinations than testing.

<u>Health protocols:</u> In the 2020-21 school year, our schools continue to be safe places. Our health protocols will continue to be important in our effort to provide in-person learning. Mask usage, physical distancing, washing your hands, coughing into the inside of your elbow, doing the daily health screen, and quarantining when required will continue to be important to follow. If we have a positive case that challenges our staffing capacity, we will be prepared to pivot to remote as we have done when necessary all year.

**Bus transportation:** Students who live outside school walk zones are eligible to ride a bus to and from school. Parents must contact their child's school to register them for bus transportation if they have not done so already. There may be instances when students will have to double-up in a seat. Students will continue to be required to wear masks on buses when they cannot maintain 6 feet of physical distance. If you are a parent and you have any questions about bussing, please contact your building principal.

**Remote division:** At this point, there are roughly 300 students in the remote division. We will continue to operate the remote division for the rest of the school year for these students.

This is exciting news. I have stressed the importance of following the school district's health guidelines. Our schools do not exist in a vacuum. What happens outside of our schools can have an impact on our schools. The data shows that our schools are safe places for our students and staff, but it is important that health and safety guidelines are followed by members of our school community after school hours as well.

Thank you for your continued support of our students in the Laconia School District.

Sincerely,

Steve Tucker

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Superintendent of the Laconia School District