

Lempster School Board
Superintendent's Report 5-7-2020
April

Since the word came that schools would be closed for the remainder of the school year, the focus has shifted to what will we do for end of year activities, summer programming, and school reopening as well as staffing, building issues, and providing meals for our families.

Our teachers and staff have continue to be doing a fantastic job working with our students. There have been few glitches and all of our families have been accommodated with the hardware and materials necessary for students to continue their learning. The staff has made some decisions regarding grading and retentions that Ralph will share with you.

There continues to be bi-weekly updates with the Commissioner and often times the Governor to keep us apprised as to what the guidance is regarding so many of the issues surrounding our work. There have been waivers requested to the Federal government so that we can offer meals t all of our families, waivers for specific timelines, and notifications regarding the non waiving of specific timelines for Special Education. There has been guidance regarding cleaning of schools, reopening of schools, student health and planning for next steps all around. It is truly a pipeline of information to distill and share.

I have shared the End of Year Guidance, Employee Screening tracking, School Cleaning and other documents to assist you with your decision making.

There are many questions that we should be hearing about within the next few weeks, decisions regarding Summer programs, PPE for schools, transportation guidance, and overall reopening strategies. I participated in a seminar that addressed the legal aspects of reopening and one of the main suggestions is that each district should put together a team to analyze the issues on a district basis to guide any reopening questions.

We have received funding from the NH Charitable Foundation that allows us to provide additional meals on a bi-weekly basis. Fifteen of our families are getting two week's worth of groceries every other Monday. This is being coordinated by Got Lunch! Out of Newport and we are signing up more families all the time. Kendra Leslie, Lauren Mahieu, and Tara McIntire make breakfast and lunch deliveries for us daily and the groceries every other week on Mondays. We will be able to continue these meals until June 30. The state has applied for additional supports that may allow us to continue throughout the summer.

You have the proposed calendar for your review and approval.

During some of our online meetings, I became aware of cleaning service that another school district uses. I contacted them and they have provided us with an estimate that I will share at the meeting.

Mr. McBrien will be attending our meeting and will provide an update on the progress for the Energy Efficiency Grant. We purchased two new water heaters have converted the old boiler room at the end of the building. This added an additional \$16,000 to the original cost of the project but we will be getting \$35-38,000 in rebates from the work and it seemed advantageous to do this at this time as they can incorporate it into the controls they are setting up. The library insulation is scheduled to begin the week of May 18. Given the energy repairs and the accident, 4 out of 5 electrical panels have been replaced.

Mr. McBrien is suggesting that replacing the remaining panel or maybe 2 at this time would have all of our electrical work up to date and in compliance. The oldest panel's cost may be influenced by the wiring needed to do the upgrade, but I do think it will greatly improve safety.

Given the automobile incident from last month, I contracted with Mr. McBrien who was onsite and who has the expertise to procure contractors, to handle coordination of the contracting needed to complete the repair. As noted previously, the air handler needs to be replaced, the electrical panels need to be updated to meet fire codes. The carpentry work needed for the walls of the utility room and the wall, ceiling, and window work in the library should be completed this week. PRIMEX, our insurance company, has requested detailed estimates and work is currently on hold until everyone is in agreement regarding the repairs.

I will have nominations for you this evening: our Grade 3 teacher replacing Ms. King and a Special Education teacher replacing Ms. Tibbetts.

At this point, we have not heard of any changes in High School enrollment 2019-20. We still have one high school student not officially registered yet.

No change in High School Enrollment.

Grade	Tuition (\$14,326)	FMRHS	Newport HS	Keene HS
9		5	1	
10		6	2	
11		8	0	
12		<u>10.5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
		30.5	3	1 = 34 .5 students

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Munson, Superintendent, SAU #71