

Dear Merrimack Families~

Happy New Year.

As we begin 2021 I am writing with a brief update/reminder concerning next steps for our schools as we assess post-holiday impacts of the virus on our students and staff.

- As you know, we will remain remote through Friday January 15th.
- We continue to monitor COVID impacts on staff and students to ensure our ability to restart our hybrid model on January 19th which, as you know, has been our plan since going remote last month. It remains our intent to do so.
- We continue to develop and evaluate options for second semester (February through June) despite the difficulty of forecasting COVID impacts too far into the future. Additional information regarding second semester plans/options will be shared in the coming weeks. Finally,
- We remain committed to providing the best education we can while at the same time doing everything possible to protect student and staff health.

With sincere best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and peaceful new year,

Mark McLaughlin
Superintendent