

Good evening Merrimack Families~

We have now just concluded our third full week of remote learning in the Merrimack School District. As we enter this holiday weekend I'd like to provide a picture of just some of the activities that occupied our activities just today-by the numbers:

111=number of lunches prepared and delivered to Merrimack families by our bus company and drivers

206=numbers of lunches prepared and given to Merrimack families at our Merrimack High School curbside location

1=Easter Bunny sightings at our curbside lunch pick up location!

190=number of work packets delivered to Merrimack families by our bus company and drivers

120=number of minutes the school district leadership team met to discuss issues including, but not limited to: high school graduation, refinements to grading and assessment for all students, processes concerning mail and package delivery protocols now that school buildings are shut down completely, continued review and refinement of protocols around the maintenance of school and district operations conducted now almost entirely remotely

135=number of minutes spent meeting with state and local education leaders to discuss issues including, but not limited to: understanding the CARES Act, impacts of school closure on state and federal grant reporting requirements, possible extensions of remote learning, status of COVID-19 transmissions throughout the state (not yet well known due to limited testing)

49=number of students who showed up to Ms. Saranita's Open Mic today on Zoom

15=number of students who played

1=number of seniors who joined in support of his brother—and played too!

Countless=number of minutes and hours spent by teachers and students connecting with one another, planning and refining instruction, supporting and engaging in remote learning in unprecedented ways

As we enter this special weekend, I wish you all rest. The weather forecast looks pretty good. I hope it allows you to make the most of however you choose to spend the next few days.

To our families, staff and students who observe Passover, we wish you happy and peaceful observances. To our families, staff and students who observe Easter, we wish you happy and peaceful observances as well. My best to you all.

Stay well.

Mark McLaughlin
Superintendent