

Dear Merrimack Families~

As we close the seventh full week of remote learning today has turned out to be another significant day in a long line of significant days during this health emergency. The governor has announced additional guidelines and information concerning stay at home orders and related matters. As we review his announcement for school impacts I am sure there will be more to discuss and clarify next week and beyond. Clearly, there are implications for school and district operations and we will evaluate them and share with you in the coming days.

In the meantime, I wish to conclude this seventh week of challenge with an enormous and heartfelt thank you to the many families who contributed to the video (see link below) created by them in honor of our Merrimack School District staff. I cannot fully explain how grateful we all are for the extraordinary effort it took to produce such a beautiful, thoughtful and incredibly meaningful record of this difficult time. It has been hard at times for all of us, students, staff and families, to find a lot of good in these tough days, but this video, coming as it does at the end of another long week, is a wonderful, wonderful example of what is truly good and decent in the Merrimack community. From all of us to all of you---our deepest thanks.

Stay well.

Mark McLaughlin
Superintendent

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