

Dear Merrimack Families and District Staff~

First, a belated Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mom's in our school and town community. I think it is fair to say that mom's deserve more than one day a year of special recognition, and on behalf of the Merrimack School District, I thank you for everything you do to enrich, support, nourish, guide, console and lead your children, and our students, to achieve their best lives. You are special to us every day.

We are officially fourteen days away from the last day of school for the 2019-2020 school year. That means that for the next two weeks we'll be working as hard as ever to provide our students with the very best instruction we can. That should also mean that our students will be working as hard as they can, too, to engage with their learning as much as they can, recognizing that every effort they put in now to finish this school year strong will prove that they, and we, are stronger than this virus and that our goals will not be diminished by it. Summer will be here soon enough. Until then, let's all recommit to working as hard as we can to end this year Merrimack Strong!

As states, including our own, begin the delicate walk back towards normalcy I encourage us all to do so carefully and with restraint. The health of our community, students and their families, must remain our top priority. We can address most things, handle most things, even fix most things, but the fundamental goal for our youth, their learning and growing, can only be assured in a safe and healthy environment. The surest way to achieve that for their future is to continue to do all we can to secure our present.

Stay well.

Mark McLaughlin
Superintendent