

Dear Merrimack Families and District Staff~

Happy Friday. Today marks the end of our second full month of remote learning. It hardly seems possible. Next week, the beginning of our third month of this new normal, will be busy again.

- If all continues to go as planned we will welcome back our food service employee and custodians from their recent hiatus due to precautions related to the virus.
- Educators will continue to carefully reenter buildings to retrieve their belongings, bringing us one step closer to summer cleaning and maintenance work.
- Information about high school graduation will be shared.
- Teachers and students will continue to work as hard as they can to bring this school year to a successful close.
- Planning for our schooling future, whether it is remote or not, will continue to occur alongside planning for all that remains of this school year.
- Normal end of year school district business will continue remotely to ensure that all end of year requirements related to local, state and federal obligations are met according to timelines that, for the most part, remain unchanged despite the health emergency.

And that is just Monday! Kidding aside, it is indeed a busy time of year normally, and more so now than ever. But we continue to embrace these challenges, learn from them, and improve our practices as a result.

As busy and as complicated as everything seems to be these days, please take time to relax and enjoy the spring weather this weekend. And while you're doing so, please do not forget to tune in to NH PBS tomorrow night at 6:00 to watch our Merrimack Tomahawks take on Plymouth High School for the State Championship! No matter what happens, we couldn't be more proud. Thank you team for giving us something so exciting to cheer about during these tough days.

Stay well.

Mark McLaughlin
Superintendent