

Dear Merrimack Families and District Staff~

What a day for Merrimack! I just returned from the Granite State Challenge Championship Parade that wound through the town visiting the neighborhoods of all the Granite State Challenge Team members. A beautiful spring evening, made all the more special by the many, many family, friends, neighbors and, quite likely, even strangers who cheered, honked, clapped and otherwise showed their support for the winners of this year's state championship. Thanks to all of you for coming out and showing this team how much you appreciate them and how much they are supported by their community. And many thanks, also, to the Merrimack Police Department for leading the way through town, lights flashing and siren blaring. They are always fantastic partners of and with the school district, and we are reminded today, again, of what an invaluable resource they are to all of us. Thank you Merrimack PD and SRO Hart. Thanks also to Haywards Ice Cream for treating the team to an ice cream at the end of the parade. What a great way to show support for our team. Very much appreciated.

Once again, congratulations to Scott Peyton, Alex Jobin, Troy Church, Nick Gacharna, Andrew Peyton, Aidan Remick, Jack Pikora and Coaches Campbell and Mandra! What a ride!!!

Earlier today, at 4 pm, the senior athletes were also honored with a parade on the high school grounds to honor their enormous contributions to the culture of Merrimack High School and the Town of Merrimack. They've brought us so much excitement and energy and great play and we are very proud of them all. Although this is not how any of us had hoped or expected their high school athletic careers would end, today's show of solidarity was a perfect and appropriate way to reflect our thanks and appreciation for all these students have given us. Thank you athletes. A special thanks as well to Coach Merra and her family for providing the inflatable arch that our students drove under today as part of their parade and for the timing camera that will provide them with a memory of the special event. Your generosity is most appreciated. And finally, to all the coaches, for all your work on behalf of our students, thank you very much.

Today was a good day! Thank you all.

Stay well.

Mark McLaughlin  
Superintendent