## Dear Merrimack Families~

The upcoming snowstorm and the current remote learning environment creates an opportunity to implement a plan for learning we have not previously had the ability to carry out. Please see below for details.

- Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, will be a <u>remote day for learning for ALL students in Merrimack</u>, <u>as usual, despite the storm</u>.
  - o Under normal conditions, considering the timing of the expected snowstorm, traditional school would be canceled tomorrow.
  - o Given our remote learning capabilities and experience, school will operate as normal tomorrow, and conducted remotely for <u>ALL students</u>, according to the typical Thursday schedule.
    - Bottom line-tomorrow is NOT a day off from learning
- All school and district offices will be closed on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. However, <u>all</u> school and district operations will continue tomorrow and will be conducted remotely by all staff.

Clarification: There will be NO further announcements about this plan, specifically on WMUR or any other platform outside of the Merrimack School District, as this is not a typical situation. Please consider this message as formal and final notice of tomorrow's plan.

## IMPORTANT!

- Please be aware that internet and Power may be variable for educators and students throughout the school day tomorrow. Patience on all sides is appreciated.
- We anticipate that lessons will be posted in the morning for all schools
- For tomorrow's instruction schedules with zoom links will be posted as normal
- Students will have a grace period to complete and turn in online assignments
- ALL Special Education/Support Services will be provided remotely tomorrow
- As always, student can ask teachers for support

The implementation of this plan marks the first occasion the District has had the opportunity to leverage currently used technology and educator experience to maintain instruction on a school day

that would otherwise be canceled. We are pleased to maintain the continuity of learning in spite of the upcoming storm.

Please be safe.

Mark McLaughlin Superintendent