

A message from LITCHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT SAU 27

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Good afternoon, Litchfield parents.

I hope this message finds everyone healthy, strong and enjoying summer in NH as much as possible! I am writing with an update on our planning efforts for the next school year.

As soon as school ended in June, our leadership team shifted our attention to planning for the 2020-2021 school year. With the groundwork already established through a Taskforce structure, we began meeting right after Independence Day weekend. We had over 75 participating staff members, parents, community members and students, most of whom volunteered to meet virtually throughout the month of July. I am pleased to announce that after countless hours of reading research, examining how other school districts have already reopened or plan to reopen, and reviewing state and national guidance, we are ready to present a report to the Litchfield School Board.

The Litchfield School Board will hold a regular meeting on **Thursday, July 30 starting at 3:00 PM in the Campbell High School Gymnasium**. At this meeting, I will present the board with our proposed reopening plan. Following the presentation, the board intends to hold a public input period where Litchfield residents will be able to provide comments on the plan (2 minute limit). Following public comment, the board will deliberate on the plan and determine next steps.

Here are some questions and answers to help our parents engage at this week's meeting:

How can I access the proposed plan before the meeting?

The plan is still being finalized by the taskforce, and will be posted to the district website on Thursday morning.

Why are we holding a live meeting at 3:00 pm?

We are meeting at 3:00 pm because we anticipate a large number of participants hoping to engage with this planning process, and want to ensure we have enough time to listen. Since we are proposing to offer both in-person and remote services to students, we are offering parents both in-person and remote ways to participate.

What are the expectations if I choose to attend the meeting?

Please park in the back or front of CHS and enter through the direct Gym doors that face the track (NOTE: the back "voting" entrance is closed for sidewalk repair). While on campus, the school board has voted to require masks to be worn until safely seated in a location that maintains a 6 foot physical distance (gym bleachers). Family groups may sit together in the bleachers. There will be no access to the rest of CHS, and the exterior bathrooms will be open for emergency use only.

If I am not able to attend the meeting, is there a way to provide comments on the report?

We have established a [“Parent Input” form](#) to send comments to the school leadership team. These comments will be shared with the board. Plus, like any regular meeting of the school board, comments may be emailed to schoolboard@litchfieldsd.org.

What happens following public comment?

It is the responsibility of the school board to approve the plan and endorse recommendations. The school leadership team will then set about determining the fine details of implementing the plan. It is important to note that the COVID-19 situation and guidance continues to evolve, and that the school will take necessary steps to modify the plan when conditions are warranted.

In closing, I want to thank the community in advance for understanding that no plan can possibly please everyone. However, I believe that we have developed a plan with broad stakeholder input that provides Litchfield families with options. We believe that these options will ensure all students in Litchfield will have a solid education in the year ahead.

Be well,

Mike Jette, Superintendent of Schools