

A Message from the Superintendent of Schools – Litchfield School District

September 8, 2020

Welcome back, Litchfield!

Whether your student is enrolled in full attendance or full remote, I hope the opportunities provided last week to meet and greet with teachers and staff were positive and helpful. Here is a link to a [weekly check-in survey](#) to help us improve.

Please remember that we have never before opened school in a pandemic while asking our staff to work simultaneously with in-person and remote students. We are all facing a learning curve that will require patience and flexibility: Patience as we navigate new tools and teaching platforms, patience with a new student information system (PowerSchool), and patience with greater adherence to grading competencies. As a school community, we have a lot on the plate. Frequent 2-way communication is critical to success.

We are asking families and staff to accept personal responsibility for their own health and the health of others. Please complete the [Daily Health Screening](#) each morning. Copies of the screener are being sent home with each student. Please post the daily health screener in a prominent location at home (mine is on our family fridge!)

Our school nurses have produced a [Memo](#) listing new COVID-19 practices and procedures. Working together, we will keep our schools open and healthy.

We acknowledge that we can improve on past remote learning experiences through common minimum guidelines for our staff. We have created these [Guidelines](#) for when we have some students attending in-person and others learning remotely. We also have differentiated expectations if we have to later shift to [Total Remote](#) learning.

We also acknowledge that there have to be clear guidelines and expectations communicated to students and parents. Therefore, we have created these [Student/parent guidelines](#). Please read them and ask questions if you are unsure of the expectations.

On Wednesday, September 16th, at 6:00 PM in the CHS Gym, the school district will hold a [Special Meeting](#) to vote on a single warrant article. This article will allow us to invest “one-time fiscal disparity funds” received from the State of NH into our recently created Capital Improvement Expendable Trust Fund. We are inviting all eligible Litchfield voters to attend and vote.

The updated school calendar for 2020-2021 can be found [HERE](#).

Be well & Stay Strong!

Mike Jette, Superintendent of Schools