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Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,

It is hard to believe that we are in the final stretches of this school year! I extend my deep gratitude to you for coming together as a school community to ensure that our protocols and efforts to maintain optimal safety for all have been successful. It has been a year of significant changes and adjustment to those changes, but we are finally seeing our way forward to a return to full-time in-person learning in the fall with enhanced safety protocols in place. With that being said, currently all schools are busy planning for end-of-year graduations and other celebrations and our summer school coordinators are preparing for summer school/camp programs, grades K-12. If you have not already received registration packets for summer programs, know that they will be forthcoming. You can also contact our summer program coordinator, Tommy O'Connor, at toconnor@lnsd.org.

Last week we heard during Governor Scott's press conference that Vermont will be adopting the CDC guidance that fully vaccinated people can now participate in most indoor and outdoor activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing. However, both the Vermont Agency of Education (VTAOE) and the Vermont Department of Health (VTDOH) affirm that this **does not yet apply** to schools and some other businesses including the transportation industry. For now, all Vermont schools should continue to follow the masking guidance contained in [A Strong and Healthy Year: Safety and Health Guidance for Vermont Schools](#). This means everyone must continue to wear masks indoors and outdoors and at drop-off/pick-up with mask breaks outdoors when six feet of distance can be maintained.

In other news, children 12 years of age and older are now eligible for the Pfizer vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The State of Vermont is planning to host school and clinic sites to support vaccination efforts for those who choose to be vaccinated. See [here](#) for the list of school and community clinics open for the vaccine for 12-15 year old individuals. Please also note the [Change to Consent Processes for Walk-In Appointments](#) which is applicable to parents/guardians and the access to the vaccine.

On the Supervisory Union front, we are excited to communicate some changes in our administration. Eden Central School's principal, Melinda Mascolino, will assume the position of Director of Early Education in Lamoille North and we are currently interviewing for her position. And, following Brian Schaffer's resignation from his position at Lamoille Union High School (LUHS), we are pleased to announce that current Dean of Students, Bethann Pirie, will serve as Interim Principal at LUHS for the 2021-2022 school year! We are thrilled to have Bethann on board and are already seeing many wonderful happenings at the high school. Please stay tuned for updates regarding the Eden Central School principal position.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing many of you at various graduation festivities and celebrations. I once again thank you for all of your support, understanding and compassion this school year.

My best to you,
Catherine Gallagher, M.Ed.
Superintendent of Schools
Lamoille North Supervisory Union