



September 17, 2021

Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,

We hope that you have settled into a comfortable routine to the school year as we quickly approach the fall season. Our towns are poised for the typical influx of visitors we have each year to watch the leaves turn to various shades of gold, yellow, orange and red. Some say that this is the most beautiful month for much of New England and I think Vermont takes the lead on this beauty.

As you are aware, we have had some cases of COVID-19, mostly at the elementary level, but for most students and staff, daily, in-person learning has not been disrupted. By now, all teachers/principals should have communicated with you what routines look like in the event students need to learn virtually for a short period of time in the event of a quarantine. If an entire classroom needs to quarantine, teaching staff will provide remote instruction for the period of quarantine. If several students are out because they have been identified as close contacts, they would have received information by this point, from teachers or principals, about how to access work for that period of time. Please note that if your child/children are sick, they are not expected to complete work until they are feeling well. Health and wellness are the top priorities for students who are experiencing illness. Please reach out to your building principals if you need more clarification regarding what the learning expectations and routines will be for short-term virtual learning. We believe in the importance of all children experiencing full-time in-person learning and are adhering to all of the safety standards recommended so that we can ensure that goal.

Please continue to periodically review our LNSU Reopening Guidelines [HERE](#) for updates. In addition, please visit our COVID-19 Dashboard [HERE](#) to see case counts by the week and cumulatively in all of our schools.

On another note, we have received some interest in participation in our Community Advisory Group, but hope that more people will complete the survey [HERE](#) so that we can have representation from all of our towns. The deadline for completing the survey is Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We would love to hear from you!

Lastly, we are in the planning stages for an October public forum and are excited to have some small business owners in Lamoille County be present to talk about how they got started in their businesses, what opportunities were and are available, and how education helped them in their efforts. There will be more to come about dates and other topics soon!

Thank you for your continued help in partnering with us to ensure safety, wellness and education for all of our students.

My best to you,

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