



Friday, January 27, 2023

Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,

**Please note important upcoming events set forth below:**



Cambridge Elementary School, January 30, 2023, Celebration of Learners, 8:20 am  
Cambridge School Board Meeting, February 1, 2023, 6:00 pm  
LNSU, No School, February 3, 2023

LNSU/LNMUUSD Board Meeting, February 13, 2023, 6:00 pm  
LNSU, February 16, 2023, Pre-Kindergarten Registration Opens for All Eligible Students  
LNSU/LNMUUSD Annual Meeting, February 20, 2023, 7:00 pm (see below for more details)  
LNSU/LNMUUSD Informational Meeting, February 27, 2023, 6:00 pm



**SAVE THE DATE!** We are hosting our 2022-2023 Annual Meeting on **February 20, 2023**, at Green Mountain Technology & Career Center in the CEC, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Although the official business of the evening will not

begin until 7:00 pm, we invite you to join us early for a meal! You can find our Annual Meeting Warning on our website [HERE](#). This is a school district open meeting and all community members are welcome to attend! We will be asking you to register only if you are seeking childcare for your children during the meeting and if would like to have a meal with us so we know how many dishes to prepare. You can register for both dinner and childcare [HERE](#). We look forward to answering your questions at the meeting and welcoming all of our community members!

The event is an opportunity to engage with school administrators, leadership, and school board representatives from your community to hear about all that is happening in our schools to provide the best education and support for our students! We look forward to seeing you!

In community news, please see information from Aaron French, MSN, RN, our Morrisville Public Health District Director from the Vermont Department of Health, regarding changes to Medicaid that could impact many of our community members. The change has to do with the renewal process for Medicaid which has been on pause since 2020 (Federal Rule). Please click [HERE](#) for complete information.



Some news from our Director of Early Education, Melinda Mascolino:

*"We are so pleased to report that our LNSU PreK students had excellent results on the fall Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment. These are remarkable results*

*given the time period that these students may have experienced isolation from typical daycare experiences due to the pandemic.*

*Our PreK teachers collected learning evidence from last September until December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There are six learning categories for both three- and four-year-old students. This evidence is collected twice a year and is a requirement of all licensed PreK programs in the state of Vermont”.*

Results for three-year-old students:

- Cognitive - 94.1% of the students met or exceeded expectations.
- Mathematics - 86.71% of the students met or exceeded expectations.
- Physical - 78.72% of the students met or exceeded expectations.
- Literacy - 72.27% of the students met or exceeded expectations.
- Language - 78.66% of students met or exceeded the expectations.
- Social/Emotional - 78.1% of the students met or exceeded expectations.

Results for four-year-old students:

- Cognitive - 87% of the students met or exceeded expectations.
- Mathematics - 76.52% of the students met or exceeded expectations.
- Physical - 94.2% of the students met or exceeded expectations.
- Literacy - 83.5% of the students met or exceeded expectations.
- Language - 88.16% of students met or exceeded the expectations.
- Social/Emotional - 78.76% of the students met or exceeded expectations.

We recognize that roughly between six and 27 percent of our students are currently not meeting the expectations. It is important to remember that the standards are meant to be end-of-the-year expectations and students have until June to meet these.

**IMPORTANT DATE: Pre-Kindergarten registration will open for all eligible students on February 16, 2023.**



We want to reiterate that our road crews are the experts who guide us in making all weather-related decisions about closing schools or keeping them open. Although our television reporters are helpful, they report from Burlington and are not on the roads in our towns. Even in our own County, for example, roads in Cambridge can be very different from roads in Eden or Hyde Park. We will never second guess our road crews, who are our best source of information about the roads. Rarely, weather will be optimal for busses and then Mother Nature will intervene and the weather will do something unexpected. This happened on Thursday, when it began to rain before it was predicted to start. Even still, our crews took steps to optimize safety. Our bus drivers know that they can pull over at any time and call for support from the crews if needed. All busses and riders were safe.

As a final note on this, parents and caregivers can always keep their youth home on days when they are concerned about road safety. Our crews work tirelessly to keep us safe and we extend our thanks and gratitude for their commitment to our safety.

As always, I continue to be so grateful for our Lamoille North community members and the strong relationships we have built together. Thank you again for your collaboration, compassion and dedication to the wellbeing of our students, staff and families.

My best to you,

Catherine Gallagher, M.Ed.  
Superintendent of Schools  
Lamoille North Supervisory Union