

September 2, 2022

Dear SAU 90 Staff and Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back to the 2022-2023 school year! We have had a wonderful first week back, and there are so many wonderful memories that were created in these first days of school. It is my pleasure to serve as your superintendent. I have always held firm to the belief that we are partners in the educational process. By working together with families, our students benefit and only then can they reach their full potential. In my efforts to keep channels of communication open, I will be providing you with a weekly letter. The purpose of the letter is to inform you of district news and events. I would also like to assure you that I make it my business to visit schools every week so that I have a pulse on students and staff. Additionally, if there is anything that me or my office can do to assist you, please feel free to contact us. We are housed at the Adeline C. Marston School on Marston Way, and we can be reached at 603-926-4560. Additionally, my email is lcosta@sau90.org.

What a terrific start we have had to the new year! It was so nice to see so many happy faces on Monday during our Meet the Teacher and our first-ever district barbeque! Students and families seem eager to be back at school, visiting with their teachers, and connecting with their classmates. On Tuesday, the school year officially began! The excitement and energy in the school buildings and around the district was palpable! Hampton Academy rung in the new year with their annual tradition of ringing the bell! The youngest student, sixth grader, Jackson helped to usher in the new year as the bells sounded across the front lawn of Hampton Academy! Special thanks to Kaden and Sean for helping to open the ceremony by leading the pledge of allegiance. Be sure to check out our schools and district Facebook for all of the highlights!

Earlier this week, we hosted a small ceremony on the softball field at Hampton Academy as former student and now junior at Winnacunet High School, Annabelle Holmes completed her project for her Girl Scout Silver and Gold Award. This was truly a project that showed planning, determination, and hard work. Annabelle worked with many school and business partners to complete her project. Her updates to the school board were extremely professional and helpful and provided updates along the way regarding her progress. Given her tenacious efforts and ability to fundraise thousands of dollars, Annabelle was able to make this significant project a reality. Her example is certainly one that deserves our recognition and praise! Special thanks to all of the local business partners including Middleton Lumber who helped to secure the shed along with Mr. Goupil and Mr. Hoyt who assisted with the hard work and labor of installing the shed. It truly was a team effort led by one committed Girl Scout and her family! Congratulations Annabelle Holmes on a job well done! We cannot wait to see what lies ahead for you!

Although, we have moved into the endemic stage of COVID-19, we will still track number of positive cases as is required by the Department of Health and Human Services. These numbers will be posted on our website along with our protocols and back to school plan. Please be sure to review the attached note from our school nurses for more information.

In closing, there is so much hope and possibility for the year ahead. We are happy to work with all of our stakeholders, and we will continue to honor those relationships. To that end, we recognize that there were some busing issues this past week. We are working with First Student to remedy these as soon and swiftly as possible. We are grateful for their responsiveness to our needs!

Warmest wishes for a great school year,
Dr. Lois B. Costa
Superintendent of SAU 90