

September 16, 2022

Dear SAU 90 Staff and Families,

This morning while attending the New Hampshire School Administrators Association monthly meeting in Concord, we had the opportunity to hear Charlotte Cotti, fifth grader from Timberlane, and the “Kid Governor” for New Hampshire speak. Charlotte’s platform centered around homelessness and the belief that we can make a difference. She also reminded us of how the Kid Governor is chosen through an election process which is a national award-winning civics program led by the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education and the New Hampshire Institute of Politics. In conclusion, Charlotte reminded us all of the work that teachers do for their students and encouraged us to support teachers and education! It certainly was an uplifting message and a great way to end our first full week of school.

Last Sunday marked the 21st Anniversary of 9/11. Many of us remember where we were and what we were doing, as we watched such devastation in our country which claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 people. This was also an opportunity for our world to come together under such tragic circumstances. There are many lessons that were learned that day, and the days that followed. We became thankful for the dedication and sacrifice of thousands of men and women who stepped up to assist – running towards danger for the good of humanity. Thanks to many, we know how to better respond, collaborate, and partner for the common good. It is a reminder that we are all in this together. May the anniversary of that tragic day be a reminder to all of us how interdependent we are on one another and may that help to rekindle the spirit of unity not just in our community, but world-wide.

At this time, students are participating in STAR Assessments, universal screeners, and varying assessments so that we have a better understanding of their present levels of performance. This data will be used to guide improvement efforts and instructional decision making. It is our greatest wish to make learning meaningful for your child. If you have any questions throughout the school year, please be sure to reach out to your child’s teacher or school principal. We value our partnership with all of you as we strive to educate the whole child.

On Friday, September 30, Hampton will participate in Light Up the Night to end childhood cancer. This will take place from 6-10 PM. As a community, we show our support and solidarity to those families who have been affected by childhood cancer and help to promote awareness. We ask that you consider lining your driveways, lawns, and neighborhoods with luminary bags and battery-operated candles. If you wish to purchase bags/lights, please reach out to Kailyn Costa at lightitupnh@yahoo.com. All proceeds from this event will go towards a town memorial for our local Superhero Evan Austin. Please see the [attached flyer](#) for more information.

A reminder that next Wednesday, September 21 is an in-service day for staff. During that time, staff will be involved with required training to include the prevention and awareness of suicide and the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) required reporting. For your future planning, SAU 90 in collaboration with our town officials, will be hosting a School Safety Forum on Tuesday, September 27 at Hampton Academy. Also, on October 20, we will be hosting a parent information evening on signs of suicide with Connors Climb at Hampton Academy. More information will follow on both of these events.

In closing and in the spirit of Kid Governor Charlotte Cotti, thank you teachers and staff for a great first full-week of school for the 2022-2023 year! We appreciate all that you do each and every day...

Warm regards,
Dr. Lois B. Costa
Superintendent of SAU 90

Shark News: <https://youtu.be/hJadBVu8qO0>