Sanford School Department

Message from Superintendent Matt Nelson

May 15, 2020

Dear Families,

Thank you to our students, families and teachers for completing another week of distance learning. I hope you are well and doing your best to stay balanced and positive during this unique time. I know how challenging distance learning can be and I appreciate your continued dedication and commitment.

As we head into June, I want to provide an overview of our end-of-the-school-year schedule. Given the tremendous burden that distance learning has put on everyone, new learning will not be assigned after Memorial Day. From May 26 – 29, students will need to submit missing assignments, practice areas of weakness and review key concepts while teachers pack up student work and belongings in their classrooms. From June 1-5, students / families will return school owned items, technology (iPads, laptops, power sources, chargers, cases, etc.) and books (library and classroom) and retrieve personal belongings at assigned times. Your child’s school administrative team will communicate information regarding building schedules and these processes next week. Although the last official day of school for students is Tuesday, June 9, your child’s school year is complete upon return of their school items, technology and books.

As soon as their teaching obligations are over, many of our teachers will be packing up their rooms to prepare for this summer’s scheduled moves. Lafayette will close and its teachers will move to Carl J. Lamb, Willard and Margaret Chase Smith Elementary Schools. Margaret Chase Smith School will reopen and teachers will move there from the other elementary schools in the district. Grades 5 – 8 will move from the junior high school and high school facilities into the converted middle school.

Teachers will be working through Friday, June 12. In addition to packing, they will be adjusting and preparing our curriculum to meet the needs of our students next fall. As successful as distance learning has been, we must identify and address any gaps in learning that have occurred and prepare accordingly. We will also be planning for the re-opening of school in the fall.

There is a lot going on in the Sanford School Department! If you have any questions, please reach out to your child’s school or my office (207 324 2810) for more information. If you know of anyone struggling with health or financial issues due to COVID-19, I invite you to check out the resources listed on our website. I appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding as we navigate this unprecedented time together. As the restrictions from the pandemic begin to lift, please remain cautious and safe.

Mission Statement: To create educational opportunities in which students are productive, caring, informed and involved citizens, and lifelong learners.