



# *Lebanon Public Schools*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The weather is starting to match the season. I hope all are finding opportunities to get out and find enjoyment in safe ways. This letter has a few updates for you as well as some celebrations.

### **Grading Through the Remainder of School Year**

Thank you for providing us with feedback on grading through the distance learning survey and emails sent directly to me, principals and teachers. The majority have favored keeping with our current grading systems. This is in alignment with staff recommendations. So, we will maintain our current grading systems for the remainder of the school year. We will, however, make adjustments to mitigate negative impacts of school closure for our students. One such adjustment is the recent announcement to high school students that there will be no final exams this year. This includes the LMS students taking classes for high school credit. Each school is communicating directly with their families and students.

### **Moving Up, Promotion and Graduation Ceremonies**

It is not likely that social distancing restrictions will be reduced to allow large indoor or outdoor gatherings in time for the June ending of the school year. Both LES and LMS are planning to hold virtual ceremonies for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students respectively. The principals will be communicating the details of these plans as we get closer to end of the school year.

LMHS administration and staff have ongoing communications with members of the Class of 2020. Our 12<sup>th</sup> grade students have overwhelmingly stated they would like to have an in-person graduation. The CT State Department of Education has issued guidelines for May/June ceremonies. These state that all relevant Executive Orders must be followed. Ceremonies in May/June will need to be virtual or "drive-up" type ceremonies where students and families stay in their cars. Our students have indicated they are willing to wait until the summer in the hope a more traditional ceremony could be held. While waiting, we will plan for these options in the event a nontraditional ceremony is the only way can celebrate with our graduates and their families.

### **LES Staff Parade**

We are so happy that we were able to hold the LES staff parade yesterday afternoon. The parade traversed over 50 miles of roads throughout Lebanon, made passes through the MHS and LMS parking lots and lasted for 3 hours. If you were unable to view the parade, you can

see brief media coverage here, <https://www.fox61.com/article/life/heartwarming/send-the-love/birthday-parade-teachers-connecticut/520-9993d2bb-c471-402f-bcc7-03b444a8118d>.

### **School Counselor of the Year**

Congratulations to Virginia DeLong, LMS School Counselor! Ms. DeLong was named the CT School Counselor of the Year by the CT School Counselor Association. Ms. DeLong always puts students first and has been an integral participant in school and district initiatives for the support of students, families and staff.

### **Teachers of the Year**

We are proud to announce the school recipients for Teacher of the Year. Each of them is a very dedicated teacher who is driven to help students achieve in school and grow into young adults with the knowledge and skills to be successful after leaving the Lebanon Public Schools.

Congratulations and well done!

LES- Ms. Erin Pistel

LMS- Ms. Erica Strong

LMHS- Mr. James Motyka

### **Meal Program Reminder**

We will hold meal pick up on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

The meal program will continue through June 30. At that time the waiver we were granted for the program will expire. We do not know if there will be another waiver for the summer months.

**ALL** students of the Lebanon Public Schools and **ALL** children residing in Lebanon are eligible to receive free meal packages. The children do not have to be present at meal pick up. It is OK to have someone do the pick-up for you.

**Pick up Location:** Lyman Memorial High School

**When:** 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Which Meals:** Monday and Wednesday meal packages will have 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches  
Friday meal packages will have 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches

No meal pick-up on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Angele  
Superintendent of Schools

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