

Superintendent's Report

July 16, 2020

Today is my eleventh official day in the Epping! It has been quite a ride! I am so impressed with the staff, custodians, administrative assistants, and administrators for all their work to open our schools for summer programing! We had to create many new practices and procedures to keep everyone safe and this transition could not have gone smoother thanks to everyone's efforts and commitment to Epping Schools.

I am busy planning for the reopening of schools and working very closely with our Reopening Task Force. A great deal of communication has come out and will continue to come out as this plan develops. Just to be clear this task force is developing plans for reopening in-person, providing a hybrid option, and improving our remote learning plans in case we are required to go back to that model in the future. The team is working hard and continues to work toward solutions to the many challenges that exist when developing such a plan. I appreciate all the input that continues to come in to help us create a plan that will try to meet the needs of our community.

Lastly, I have not lost sight of my entry plan even during this health crisis. I continue to meet with all the school administrators, community leaders (Police Chief, Fire Chief, Town Administrator), and School Board members, just to start! This is so I can learn the strengths of Epping and areas of priority going forward. Once I have finished meeting with these people I will begin to invite parents, students, and additional school staff to also share their thoughts and feelings with me. As you can imagine right now I have not had enough hours in the day to accomplish it all!

My plan is to use this information to set my personal goals for the year as well as begin to identify long term goals for the district. Once finalized these goals will be shared with the community. Thank you to all those who have already participated in this process and those yet to come. Your voices are important and are a great help to me to identify the best way to move this great district forward.

Sincerely,
Bill Furbush

SCHEDULED GUESTS: EMS, EHS, Athletic Handbooks - Coby Troidl, Brian Ernest, Ben Bourgoin

PERSONNEL: 4 Professional Openings
MS/HS Nurse /Occupational Therapist / Title I Reading Facilitator / Elementary Sped Teacher

SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Epping Elementary School - Heather Cantagallo

- The ESD Bookmobile has made its first run. Kerstin Rossel and Amy Newman made 8 stops and gave books to 52 children in grades pre-K through grade 12. We will be going out again on 7/14. The program is running from 6/23 - 8/19
- ESY programming begins 7/15 and we will be servicing 82 students
- I am spending my first days getting familiar with the various programs and systems at EES (special education, title 1, literacy, etc.) and getting acquainted with staff members. I am so excited to be here and learn all the new faces and people of Epping!

Epping Middle School - Coby Troidl

- Middle School administration is working on updating, revising and reducing the number of pages in our handbook to make it more manageable for parents and students.
- The middle school staff is so excited to have transition meetings with EES staff so we can learn about the incoming 6th graders so they can plan for the student needs as they navigate a new building, new staff and new procedures.
- EMS is currently working on student placement. They are keeping morning meeting groups the same and looking for ways to “resume” some continuity for kids in anticipation of reopening.
- Very excited to share that through collaboration with the EMS Scheduling Committee and our Building Leadership Team, our WIN will now be a Success Block with explicit instruction in Work Study Practices and a more fluid daily access to extra help from their teachers across all contents. This will help kids get help more quickly and will provide support for students regularly.

Epping High School - Brian Ernest

End of Year Information for Semester 2:

Thank you to everyone who successfully navigated the challenges of our transition to Remote Learning on March 13, 2020. I would like to thank the teachers, parents and students for their continued effort to ensure that teaching and learning continued at a high level for our high school students.

Semester 2 Attendance: 87.8%

EHS course completion rate: 84.1%

Graduation Update:

EHS will hold an onsite graduation on July 24, 2020 @ 6:30 PM with a rain date of July 26th, 2020 @ 6:30 PM. We are currently working with ETV to provide a “live stream” experience for those community members who are unable to attend in person. In case of inclement weather on both dates a drive up ceremony will be held. Due to the COVID 19 crisis guest seating will be limited to six guests per graduate and social distancing protocols will be put in place. I would like to thank the Emergency Management

Team from Epping Fire Department, Epping Police Department, Class Advisors Julie Morin and Jess Marcoux, the Planning Committee and our students for helping organize this event.

Summer School:

Students have been given the opportunity to earn credit through Credit Recovery, Summer School and Extended School Year (ESY). Currently, 19 students are enrolled in summer school courses. Five of the students are attending remotely and the other 14 are attending in person. The two Math sessions are being taught by Mr. McDermott. Session 1 is Algebra II (w/one pre-calculus student) and Session 2 is Geometry.



EHS Math Class Summer 2020

Ms. Friese is teaching two sessions of English Language Arts. Classes run five days a week from 9am to 11am, from July 6 - July 31.

Attendance during the first week has been good and students have commented that they appreciate being able to attend in person. Thank you to Keri McDermott and Melanie Friese for providing this essential instruction and supporting EHS students!

Credit Recovery:

Credit recovery for seniors who did not earn credit in their graduation required classes has been ongoing since June 1st and ran through July 3rd. There were 2 sessions provided for students: 8:00 AM - 9:15 M and 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM. Beginning July 6th there are 3 sessions offered to support student learning. Students will be working remotely with teacher support and monitoring. Of the six seniors enrolled, two have already completed their work and will earn their diploma. 4 are still working on graduation requirements.

Regular Credit Recovery Summer School for students who need support will be running July 6th-31st, Monday - Friday 3 sessions paper day: 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, and 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM. These students are working remotely with teacher support and monitoring. There are currently 9 students enrolled (4 are seniors).

SAT Boot Camp:

Ten 3 hour sessions will be provided for students from August 10 - 21, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Sessions will be taught on Google Meets. Each session will be divided into an English and Math section lasting approximately 90 minutes each. The cost of the course is \$100.00 plus an additional \$25.00 for the test manual. Thank you to Jaqui Pender and Stephanie Limpis for providing the instruction.

Professional Development:

Teachers are busy revising and updating curriculum for the 2020-21 school year. We currently have ten teachers working on updates and the development of several new courses.

The *Competency Implementation Team (CIT)* is reconvening this summer with teachers and administrators from all three buildings participating in professional development and planning for the 2021 school year.

Athletics - Ben Bourgoin

- Epping High School athletic teams have begun conducting summer workouts. We developed procedures for workouts that are in line with New Hampshire state standards and NHIAA recommendations. A coaches meeting was held on Monday, 7/6 to train our coaches on these procedures and protocols. We are excited to offer an opportunity for our athletes to be with their teammates and coaches and improve their physical conditioning in anticipation of the upcoming sports season.
- We filled the Varsity Football coaching position two weeks ago. Congratulations to Nick Derocher on being named our next head coach.
- We are conducting interviews for the Varsity Girls Soccer coaching position during the week of July 13th and hope to announce a new coach in the near future.

Curriculum and Data Assessment - Krista Gulick

- Updating the vertical alignment reporting documents with minor revisions
- Working with the EES literacy committee to make a plan moving forward using the literacy evaluation report
- Working with the district leadership team to prepare for next school year
- Planning the assessment schedule for next year
- Continued work on the curriculum mapping started this past school year

UPCOMING EVENTS

Elementary School

July 21, 2020 - August 19, 2020

ESD Book Mobile, Ms. Rossel and Ms. Newman will be heading to neighborhoods every Tuesday and Wednesday giving away FREE books to Epping students.

August 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2020

Epping 68 Hours of Hunger deliveries on Thursdays in August.

Middle School

None

High School

July 24, 2020.

HS Graduation, 6:30 p.m., Athletic Fields. Rain date: July 26, 2020.

July 25, 2020.

Prom, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Granite Rose. (No Grand March this year).

Upcoming School Board Presentations

2020-2021

July 2, 2020 No Meeting - Signing of manifests	July 16, 2020 EMS Handbook Committee Reports
August 6, 2020 HVAC Update Don Nichols Handbooks -Heather Cantagallo, EES Agreements Reopening Update Fall Sports Update- Ben Bourgoin	August 20, 2020 Staff Handbook HVAC Update September Information Committee Reports
September 3, 2020	September 17, 2020 Committee reports Heather Cantagallo, EES Goals 20-21
October 1, 2020 Coby Troidl, EMS Goals 20-21	October 15, 2020 Committee Reports Brian Ernest EHS Goals 20-21 21-22 School Calendar
November 5, 2020 Facilities Update Technology Update	November 19, 2020 Committee Reports School Safety/Emergency Management Russ Hero SRO
December 3, 2020 Ben Bourgoin Winter Sports Preview	December 17, 2020 Committee reports
January 7, 2021	January 21, 2021 Committee Reports
February 4, 2021 Deliberative Session	February 18, 2021 Committee Reports
March 4, 2021	March 18, 2021

	Election of Board Officers and Committee Assignments
April 1, 2021 Nomination of teachers for 19-20.	April 15, 2021 Committee reports
May 6, 2021 Jennifer Jacoby, Krav Maga Global and use of building	May 20, 2021 Committee Reports
June 3, 2021	June 17, 2021 Committee Reports