

September 2016

Dear Families of the Laconia School District:

I'm finishing up my third month as Superintendent, and I am so appreciative of the warm welcome I have received. It has been an honor for me to get to know some of your children and the staff who work each day to provide the students of Laconia with wonderful educational opportunities and experiences.



A few weekends ago, I spent some time at the Multicultural Festival in Laconia. From the Parade of Flags to the musical entertainment, the experience was wonderful. The food choices, in particular, were creative and delicious. I am looking forward to attending more events in the future that bring the Laconia community together to celebrate.

This past weekend, the high school celebrated Homecoming. All reports indicate that this year's parade was one of the best in recent memory. Each of the classes did a nice job decorating their floats and showing Sachem pride. Both the varsity football and volleyball teams were victorious over their opponents on Friday and Saturday, and the games were fun to watch.

In the schools, students and staff have been getting into the flow of being back after an all-too-short summer. Students are learning new routines and appear to be adjusting quite well. We have expanded our 1:1 laptop program to now include both 8th and 9th grade students. Teachers at these two grade levels have received extensive training on ways to work with technology effectively in the classroom.

As the school year continues, I hope to be able to meet many more students, staff, and community members. If you see me out and about, please feel free to introduce yourself and say hello. If you have any ideas and suggestions about how we can continue to make the Laconia School District an engaging and exciting place to learn and grow, please let me know. I can be reached at bminnihan@laconiaschools.org.

Be well.

Dr. Brendan Minnihan



6th Grade Marching Band



Parade of Flags



Tate Aldrich NH Teacher of the Year