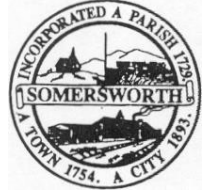


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Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year!

August 26, 2022

Dear Families –

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Somersworth School District, I am excited to welcome all students and families to the 2022-2023 school year! The first day of school for students in grades K-8 is Wednesday, August 31st. August 31st is also the first day of school for our freshman. Students in grades 10-12 will start school on Thursday, September 1st. [22-23 School District Calendar](#).

COVID-19: Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we continue to navigate the latest phase of the COVID-19 health pandemic.

Attached is the school district's updated COVID-19 illness management protocols. The updates are based on the latest guidance from the CDC. The COVID-19 Response Management Team will continue to meet this year to oversee the school district's response. [COVID-19 Illness Management Protocol 8-18-2022](#)

Also, the Safer at Schools or SASS COVID-19 testing program will be offered this year. I will send out more information once school starts. If you have any questions, please contact one of our school nurses: Jacque Mey, Idlehurst; Jenna Tousignant, Maple Wood; Amanda Walsh, SMS; and Nan Soule, SHS/CTC.

Bus Routes: The bus routes are available on the district's website. See the attached link for more information. https://www.sau56.org/resources/parent_resources/bus_routes_and_information

I also want to thank families in advance for their patience as our bus pickup and drop-off schedules settle in for the year. It typically takes a couple of weeks for all of the "kinks" to get worked out. However, if you have any concerns, please contact First Student at 603-692-4406.

Website Calendars: A great way to stay involved is to subscribe to the online calendar at your child's school as well as the district calendar at the SAU Office. You will find the link to each calendar on our website at <https://www.sau56.org/>

Online Student Forms: The district continues to work to reduce paper waste and has moved forward with having parents/caregivers submit their child's information through Power School. Most forms are populated with last year's information so for many of you, we are asking that you verify that the information is accurate. It is incredibly important that we have up-to-date information on how to best contact you should there be an emergency or to just make sure you receive information from our schools. If you have any questions about completing this process, please contact your child's school.

Free/Reduced Meals Forms: We regret to inform you that the USDA Universal Free Meals program that has been in place for the past two school years has not been renewed. Therefore, families who wish to receive free or reduced prices for meals must complete an application form or enroll in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program. Attached is the letter that was mailed to families a few weeks ago with the links to submit your application online and enroll in the SNAP program. [Free-Reduced Meals Letter](#) [Free-Reduced Meals Application](#)

Hiring/Open Positions: We are incredibly fortunate that, unlike many school districts around the country, that we are nearly fully staffed. We still have openings for para-educators and substitute teachers. If you are interested, see the Employment section of the SAU 56 website or stop by the SAU office to fill out an application.

ONE: Our districtwide theme for this year will continue to be ONE: ONE Student Body, ONE Faculty, ONE Family, ONE Community, ONE District. This theme is the basis for our work this year as we strive, as a district provide a comprehensive and seamless educational experience for all students, PreK-12.

I am looking forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Lori Lane

Superintendent of Schools

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