

Hampton Falls School Board

We are thankful to the Hampton Falls community for their continued support of Lincoln Akerman and Winnacunnet Schools. We have had a busy and successful season since our last update and are happy to provide this Fall newsletter.

We are pleased to welcome all students and staff back to LAS for the 2021-2022 school year!

SAU21 Welcomes a New Superintendent

Following the dedicated search by the SAU21 search committee, Meredith Nadeau is beginning her first year as Superintendent of Schools for SAU 21. Meredith has worked in public education for over 25 years and has served in a number of capacities in New Hampshire schools including middle school English teacher, special education teacher, assistant principal, principal, Director of Student Services, and Director of Instruction. Prior to joining SAU 21, she served as the Superintendent of Schools in SAU #13, Newmarket, and in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

Meredith is an active member of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) and is a graduate of their National Superintendent Certification Program and was selected to participate in AASA's National Women's Leadership Cohort in 2019. Meredith is a long-time member of the Horace Mann League and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) and has presented nationally at conferences for ASCD and AASA. Meredith has worked with the College Board in multiple roles since 2012 including as a member of the New England Regional Council, Superintendent's Advisory Council, and National Academic Assembly. She was recently elected to serve as a College Board Trustee representing New England.

Meredith was born and raised in New Hampshire. She holds a B.A. in English from Bowdoin College, and an M.Ed. in Special Education and CAGS in Educational Leadership and Supervision from the University of New Hampshire. She is currently completing her Ed.D. at Boston University and her dissertation work focuses on students with emotional and behavioral challenges. Meredith, her husband, and their two daughters are residents of Lee, NH.

Upcoming Events

Oct 11 – No school
Oct 12 – HFSB Meeting @ 6:30
Oct 19 – Joint Board Meeting @ 6
Oct 20 – WHS SB Meeting @ 6:30
Nov 2 – No school
Nov 3 – WHS SB meeting @ 6:30
Nov 8 – Joint Board Meeting @ 6
Nov 9 – HFSB meeting @ 6:30
Nov 11 – No school
Nov 20 – Tiger Trot Road Race
Nov 24-26 – Thanksgiving Recess

Focus on Competency Based Education

The HFSB will be welcoming a series of staff presentations dedicated to Competency Based Learning. We invite you to join our next CBE presentation at our Oct 12 Board Meeting.

More information on CBE is available at:
sau21.org/curriculum/professional-development

For School Board related updates, visit:
www.sau21.org/school-boards

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Unreserved Funds Returned to Hampton Falls

At completion of the 2020-2021 school year, the HFSB recognized an unreserved fund balance of \$164,747 to be returned to Hampton Falls. The Winnacunnet School Board recognized an unreserved fund balance of \$1,634,401, of which Hampton Falls will receive \$131,138.

Building Updates

We are thrilled to share that the LAS gymnasium will soon have a new HVAC unit, which will efficiently and effectively provide for air exchange allowing for the use of the gymnasium. The previous system did not meet safe requirements for operation during COVID.

We are also in the process of upgrading LAS to LED lighting throughout the building. These upgrades will improve our energy efficiency and eligibility for significant rebates.

COVID-19 Update

The HFSB approved the LAS reopening plan presented by Meredith Nadeau at the August meeting. This plan follows the community transmission indicators developed by the NH Department of Health and Human Services to guide safety protocols in our school. In the event of positive cases, the DHHS is notified by the school nurse and advises on contact tracing and quarantining protocols. When the Seacoast Region is experiencing substantial transmission rates, masks are required indoors. These indicators are closely monitored, and the DHHS holds daily calls with NH schools. More information available at <https://www.sau21.org/covid19>

LAS Welcomes 6 New Teachers

Six new talented staff members join the LAS community this school year, each of whom brings with them new ideas and energy.

- Grace Laliberte joined LAS on July 1st as our Director of Special Education. Grace brings a wealth of experience to our school after serving as a special education teacher and out-of-district placement coordinator in other NH districts.
- Kevin McKenney joins LAS as our Physical Education and Wellness teacher, ensuring a successful and inclusive athletics program. Kevin brings nine years of experience and is also serving as our new Athletic Director.
- Hannah Cashin joins LAS as our Guidance Counselor and brings expertise in Social Emotional Learning. Hannah has been with LAS for five years as a recreational therapist through the North East Passage program at UNH.
- Drew Amabile joins LAS as our School Psychologist. Drew is returning to the east coast after completing coursework for his Doctorate of Psychology at the University of Washington.
- Sarah Coutts joins LAS's grade 5/6 team. Sarah has taught across elementary grades for five years and brings expertise in language arts skills to enhance our reading and writing programs.
- Monica Koleszar joins LAS as a grades 3-5 Special Education Case Manager. Monica previously served the Haverhill, MA, school district as a special education teacher at the elementary level.

Brief Updates

Lunch Program

Lunches are free! Please participate! Find the menu online:
<https://www.sau21.org/las>

Safety & Security Task Force Meetings

A collaborative group designed to bring together school and community safety officials to discuss security plans in place at our schools. The task force will meet regularly, with their next meeting on Nov 30.