

# 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 2022-2023 school year!***

## Focus on Curriculum

Portrait of a Learner | SAU21 hosted a Portrait of a Learner (POL) community night on October 4<sup>th</sup>, inviting parents and community members to a visioning exercise to document & identify the cognitive, personal, and interpersonal skills that students will need to be successful in school, work, and life. Thank you all who attended. The results of this process will allow us to frame our long-term strategic plan, prioritize budgets, and better serve all students and our communities.

We are in the process of transcribing the feedback from our discussion. Shared themes and commonalities will serve as a compass/ vision moving forward as we work to actualize the Portrait (i.e., emphasize our successes and address our gaps) in the coming years, undoubtedly influencing budget, curriculum planning, and student services. We'll reach out to all groups this fall in order to validate our information.

Curriculum Night at LAS | LAS staff hosted a Curriculum Night for parents on the evening of October 6<sup>th</sup>. The event gave parents the opportunity to be in their student's classroom, meet teachers and learn more about academic goals for the year, competencies, rubrics, projects, field trips and classroom culture. The night drew a large crowd, and it was great to invite families back into our school to meet staff and learn more about our programs.

## Community Use of School Facilities

LAS buildings and facilities are available for use. All inquiries to use the building must complete the facilities use form (on the LAS website) and submit to Alan Lajoie, Facilities Director.

Did you know that the use of facilities is a SB policy? All policies can be accessed online: <https://www.sau21.org/school-boards/hampton-falls/policies/index>

## Upcoming Events

Oct 18 – Joint Board Meeting @ 6  
Oct 19 – Winnacunnet SB @ 6:30  
Oct 21 – Trunk or Treat at LAS  
Nov 1 – Joint Board Meeting @ 6  
Nov 8 – No school – Go Vote!  
Nov 11 – No school  
Nov 15 – HFSB meeting @ 6:30  
Nov 19 – Tiger Trot Road Race  
Nov 23-25 – Thanksgiving Recess  
Dec 2 – No school  
Dec 13 – HFSB meeting @ 6:30

## NH State test score family portal

The NH Dept of Ed launched a Family Portal to provide access to your student's results for the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS). Detailed information will be mailed to parents.

**SAU 21 Information on Competency Based Education:**  
[sau21.org/curriculum/professional-development](https://sau21.org/curriculum/professional-development)

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## Unreserved Funds Returned to Hampton Falls

At completion of the 2021-2022 school year, the HFSB recognized an unreserved fund balance of \$248,241 to be returned to Hampton Falls to offset property tax assessment. \$70,000 of this amount was realized through the cooperation of the school board and select board to ascertain federal stimulus funds and offset the cost of the gymnasium HVAC project. The Winnacunnet School Board recognized an unreserved fund balance of \$358,667, of which Hampton Falls will receive \$21,724.

## Building Updates

We are thrilled to share that the paving project at LAS was completed this summer. Hampton Falls residents approved a warrant article that allowed for the completion of this project to address pavement degradation and issues related to leveling and drainage.

A new LED sign will soon make an appearance at LAS. The sign has been a plan for several years and will be an important addition to better communicate school and community events in Hampton Falls.

## COVID-19 Update

We have none! We do continue to monitor and maintain information online at <https://www.sau21.org/covid19>

## LAS Welcomes New Staff Members

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

- ☐ Bettyanne Binette, Special Education Administrative Assistant.
- ☐ Colleen Blanchard, Case Manager
- ☐ Natalie Erickson, School Psychologist
- ☐ Paige Gouldthorpe, Educational Associate
- ☐ Lindsey LaPointe, 7/8 Science Teacher
- ☐ Sarah Makos, Educational Associate
- ☐ Julia Mullaney, Educational Associate
- ☐ Michelle Trincerì, Administrative Assistant

Please join us in helping them feel welcome!

## Brief Updates

### Seacoast Education Association

SAU21 teachers work under a collective bargaining agreement as negotiated between school board representatives and the Seacoast Education Association. We anticipate a new agreement will be on the March 2023 ballot. Maintaining positive working conditions and competitive compensation allows us to continue to recruit and retain our qualified staff to provide top notch instruction and learning opportunities.

### Safety at LAS

Homeland Security conducted a safety assessment at LAS in early October. These assessments are conducted every three years and provide us valuable information to enhance safety in our schools. Recommendations are considered and incorporated into our budgeting and capital improvement plans.

### SAFE Grant

LAS applied for \$100,000 in funding from the State of NH Security Action for Education (SAFE) grant to address security projects. We were approved for \$15,000 in funding to complete an access control security project in the first round of funding. The remaining \$85,000 application will be considered for approval in the January 2023 timeframe.