

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 Winter newsletter.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!
Reminder: Town election on March 8th at Lincoln Akerman School!

Hampton Falls Warrant Articles

The HFSB will have 6 warrant articles on the ballot this March, as approved during the Deliberative Session. These articles reflect an investment at the Lincoln Akerman School to provide our students an environment that promotes successful intellectual, physical, social and emotional growth. The following summarizes the articles that will be on the ballot:

Warrant Article 1: The FY 2022-23 Hampton Falls proposed operating budget is \$6,998,260. The proposed budget is -0.26% or -\$18,187 less than the default budget of \$7,016,447.

Warrant Article 2: The School Board proposes to raise and appropriate \$125,000 to re-pave the parking lot. The existing parking lot is in poor condition – creating unsafe driving and improper drainage.

Warrant Article 3: The School Board proposes funding the Building Maintenance expendable trust with \$50,000, utilizing unreserved fund balance.

Warrant Article 4: The School Board proposes funding the Special Education expendable trust with \$25,000, utilizing unreserved fund balance.

Warrant Article 5: The School Board proposes funding the Health Insurance expendable trust with \$25,000, utilizing unreserved fund balance. This Trust fund and safeguards the school district against increasing health insurance premium costs.

Warrant Article 6: The School Board proposes the adoption of a non-monetary fund balance retention to safeguard the school district from unusual circumstances that may result in potential over-expenditure of appropriations or to help stabilize the tax rate over time by smoothing out peaks and valleys of appropriations and fluctuations in revenue.

Upcoming Events

Feb 28 – Mar 4 – Winter break
Mar 8 – Town election (no school)
Mar 15 – HFSB meeting @ 6:30
Mar 16 – WHS SB Meeting @ 6:30
Mar 16 – No school
Mar 30 – Joint Board Meeting @ 6
Apr 12 – HFSB meeting @ 6:30
Apr 25-29 – Spring break

Legislative Roundtable

Members of the HFSB, other SAU 21 and SAU 90 school boards spent an evening with NH legislators learning about upcoming legislation and its potential effect on our schools. We are very thankful for the time and opportunity to discuss this important issue with our representatives. SAU 21 and 90 plan to host a second event this spring. Reach out with any questions and for more information.

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CARES and Habits of Learning

As part of Lincoln Akerman's competency work, we're also focusing on non-academic skills that are essential for success in college, career & citizenship. This whole-child approach has allowed us to adopt the acronym CARES (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-regulation) as part of our instructional program and classroom language. To guide this work, teachers are using language that's user friendly for students and teachers, developmentally appropriate, and student centered.

Students at LAS will be practicing self-reflection, determining goals, and assessing their progress with regard to these indicators throughout the year. You may want to engage your child around these concepts as well through the following themes (and hopefully observe them at home):

- Working together to help each other and to solve problems.
- Speaking up for themselves and others.
- Taking care of themselves and working hard at their learning.
- Understanding and respecting others' feelings and opinions.
- Controlling their own actions and emotions in a safe way.

We look forward to continuing our Competency-Based work at LAS. Likewise, we thank you for your continued support for the quality education and student-centered community we share.

COVID-19 Update

The HFSB approved a move to masks optional effective March 14th. These past two years have been beyond challenging and the School Board and SAU administration have always led with community safety at its core and with consideration of all information we receive. Lincoln Akerman has put particular emphasis on positive culture and social and emotional learning to support all students. We recognize that these decisions affect many in different ways, and we are thankful to the community for your support and engagement. Additional information will always be available online: <https://www.sau21.org/covid19>

Best Wishes

Three-term school board member and Chair, Greg Parish has joined his final meeting as a leader of the HFSB. Greg has worked tirelessly over the past nine years to bring forth critical building updates, secure strong LAS and SAU leadership, support the pathway to bringing competency-based education to LAS, and lead with community and LAS goals of a safe, secure, learning environment and fiscal responsibility. With the challenges that presented themselves over the past two years, coupled with a board comprised of a majority of new members, Greg's experience and guidance was critical. Please join us in thanking Greg and his family for their time and support of the Lincoln Akerman community!

Brief Updates

Lunch Program

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

Focus on Competency Based Education

LAS and SAU 21 continue to support the onboarding of Competency Based Learning.

Reach out to learn more, and review information on CBE online: sau21.org/curriculum/professional-development