



HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT School Administrative Unit 66

204 MAPLE STREET • CONTOOCOOK, NH 03229
TEL: (603) 746-5186 FAX: (603) 746-5714

August 2011

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

It is amazing how fast the summers sure do fly by. My family and I have enjoyed New Hampshire treasures: lakes, mountains, and GO CARTS! I will always remember the joy and laughter of racing my son around the track with my daughter as co-pilot (*faster daddy, faster*).

The summer has been busy – hiring staff, reviewing curriculum, and revising practices and procedures, ensuring best practice is integral to District operations. The difficult economic conditions are significant. The District continues to navigate the impact of state budgets, increased costs, and uncertainty. As family financial conditions can change suddenly, it is important to consider some areas of support available through the schools or central office:

- *The National School Lunch Program:* Please feel encouraged to contact Food Service Director Tracy Barker (tbarker@hopkintonschools.org) with questions about eligibility for the National School Lunch Program. One of the drivers behind the move to the Point of Sale food service program (MyNutrikids) was the improved anonymity that comes with a Personal Identification Number in accessing the program.
- *Accident Insurance:* The Hopkinton School Districts has approved a vendor to provide accident insurance. Once or twice a year, a family expresses their wish that they had purchased accident insurance. The insurance pays for costs associated with accidents at school. Forms are available in the school building offices.
- *Internet Essentials:* A program through Comcast offers low cost broadband access for participants in the National School Lunch Program. More information is available at www.internetessentials.com.
- *School Related Costs:* Please feel encouraged to work with the school nurses to address costs associated with field trips, athletic fees, or other school events.

The beginning of a school year is an exciting time: new teachers, new friends, and LEARNING. Education is critical. The faculty and staff are devoted to ensuring learning, utilizing best practice, and making high school + come true for all students. Please know how much the District appreciates the community support and feedback. The 2011-2012 journey will be extraordinary.

Enjoy every moment of the remaining summer. I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Chamberlin,
Superintendent of Schools