Dear Inter-Lakes Families,

As the world around us turns beautiful shades of color and the birds share their songs, I hope your family is well and finding some peace from the tranquility of our surroundings.

End-of-Year Schedule
Students will officially complete school on June 11, however, students have an opportunity to complete all assignments prior to the 11th. Teachers will share lessons on June 2 and provide the last assignments; learners will complete their school year when all their assignments are complete. Some learners may finish on June 2 and others may need additional time and support through June 11. The pace of completion will be set by the learner. Staff will be available to support learners as needed and scheduled through June 11. Each school will communicate with families on how to check-in on a learner’s progress and completion. If a learner receives specialized services through an Individual Education Plan (IEP), services will continue through June 11; questions regarding IEP services can be directed to a learner’s case manager. I recognize that this is an unusual end-of-year schedule and if you have specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. The final day of school for seniors is June 2 with graduation on Saturday, June 6 (rain date June 7).

Final Session of Four-Part Learning Series
A goal for this school year has been and continues to be “finalize” the ILSD Design Principles, Practices, and Procedures for: Learning, Assessing Learner Progress, and Using Grades to Report Learner Progress. It is hard to believe that we started a four-part learning series in the fall (which feels so far away from right now) to build understanding of the design principles we are scaling into practice to support high quality learning experiences for our learners. Throughout the previous three sessions, we unpacked these design principles and the intention was that the final session at the end of March would...
allow for an opportunity to engage in productive dialogue with families/community prior to proposing the principles to the Inter-Lakes School Board for adoption. As we all recognize, March did not go as any of us could have imagined. This is important work and important dialogue, so although the timetable and format has needed to change, our intention of having dialogue has not. Therefore, the final session is being offered remotely on **Thursday, May 28** at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; please visit [www.interlakes.org](http://www.interlakes.org) the morning of the 28th for the link.

Additionally, we hope you will take time to view the previous sessions as well as a video summarizing our work and vision on grading practices, reporting learner progress, and recognition. This information will be available on the homepage of our website starting May 26. It would be beneficial to view the previous and summarized work prior to participation on the 28th, however, as we all realize time right now is challenging, so please, if you are not able to view the information, please still join myself, Mrs. Pappalardo, Curriculum Coordinator, Mr. Currier, Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Principal, ILM/HS Assistant Principals, Mr. Parsons and Dr. Robinson, Inter-Lakes School District Guidance Director, and Mr. Bennett, Educational Leader (former ILMT Principal). At the June 9th Inter-Lakes School Board meeting, a request for approval of the Design Principles will be presented to the Inter-Lakes School Board. The plan will be to have the current grading scale used in grades 7 and 8 move up to the high school level with the incoming 9th grade students and each year thereafter. Students in grades 10 – 12 for next year will continue with the current scale.

**Listening Session – What are you thinking about school next year? – What reflections do you have on how remote learning worked?**

On **June 4 at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**, I will host listening sessions on what your family is thinking about school next year and lessons learned from our remote learning experience. The New Hampshire Department of Education has assembled a task force to address re-opening schools; their goal is to have guidance/direction developed by the end of June. Most likely, you do and will have questions that I do not have the answers to at this time, however, I would like to have a chance to hear what you are thinking and what is on your minds. We are all in unchartered territory; the more opportunities to listen and work together on serving the children and families of our communities well are appreciated. Again, I will not have answers, so I do not want to inadvertently cause you frustration, the purpose is to hear from you. If a group conversation is not a comfortable format for you, please reach out by email or phone (mary.moriarty@interlakes.org or 279 – 7947). Thank you.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community and greater community. My best to your family as we all continue to navigate this time.

Respectfully,

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