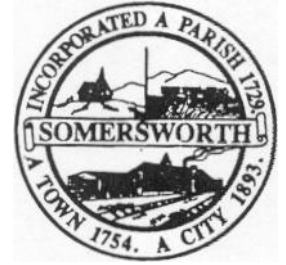


SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT FIFTY-SIX

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Dear Somersworth Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome each one of you to the 2023-24 school year. We hope you had an enjoyable summer with time to do something enjoyable. How quickly the summer months tend to fly by!

In addition, I would like to introduce myself. I am the Title I Director of Curriculum and Grants Manager for the Somersworth School District. I come to Somersworth with vast experience as an early childhood educator and an educational leader. I pride myself in supporting the needs of all students in their social/emotional, physical and educational needs and endeavors. I look forward to working with you and your child's teachers as we provide learning experiences for each student that builds on what they know and are ready to learn, while providing a variety of opportunities and strategies for your child to practice their learning and apply what they know in variety of scenarios.

The district is fortunate to receive fiscal support for students who may need additional time, as well as numerous opportunities to practice their skills to a higher level of proficiency. As a component of the Title I Program, the school will be providing opportunities for families to engage in learning opportunities with your student at their school. Each school will be notifying families of these events as the dates are secured. We hope you will mark them on your calendar and join us.

Family Engagement is an essential component of the Title I program. It is our desire to partner with all families to strengthen our home-school community relationship, where children and adults alike are provided with opportunities to build relationships and engage in new learning experiences often.

Please take some time to familiarize yourself with our district's website, as there is valuable information provided to assist your efforts to support your child's educational journey. Please take time to look in the Resources section, scroll down to the Family Resources & Links. There you can click on the Title I section. It is here that you will find essential information which will help you know and understand the federal Title I Regulations as articulated in the Parent's Right to Know. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with this page and its links. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 603-692-4450 or email me at sblair@sau56.org.

In addition, your child's school will be sending home our SAU 56 Family-School Compact. Please read this compact and review it with your student. It is important that you return the signed compact to your child's school, as it explains our promise to our students and families, as well as your child's responsibilities as a learner and your obligation to your child as they grow and learn throughout the school year. I hope you can attend the Open House at your child's school, as it is an opportunity for your child to relieve any anxiety regarding the new school year, while meeting new friends and staff. It is a

family's chance to see the school and classroom, while meeting the staff. We look forward to seeing you soon. May the new school year bring many exciting and enriching opportunities for all to learn and grow.

Again, welcome to the new school year in Somersworth.

Sincerely,

Susan Blair

Title I Director of Curriculum/ Grants Manager