Hooksett School Board

Chair's Report
September 2026

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Welcome Back to School!

Classes for the new school year started on Monday, August 31, the first time before Labor Day in several years. With Labor Day occurring on the latest possible September date, starting after the holiday would have extended the school year until nearly the end of June, hence the adjustment. It is exciting to have students back in classes. To student families and Hooksett School District staff, welcome!

Hooksett Schools' "meet your teacher" and open house events were held the week prior to school starting, and schools were packed with student families. Thank you, school district staff, for hosting these helpful and positive events.

Welcome New Staff!

Please welcome these new members of the Hooksett school community!

David R. Cawley Middle School (grades 6-8)

1. Emily Berube — Reading Specialist
2. James Cobern — Family and Consumer Science
3. Luke Huard — 6th grade Social Studies
4. Jordan Pellerin — 6th grade Language Arts / Social Studies

Hooksett Memorial School (grades 3-5)

5. Anna McLaughlin — OT

Fred C. Underhill School (grades pre-K-2)

6. Hannah Jacobs — Kindergarten
7. Cara Shea — 1st Grade
8. Hallie White — 3rd Grade

Annual Reports

The Hooksett 2025-26 Annual Town & Schools Report was recently published. You can find it online at https://hooksett.org under Departments >> Administration >> Document & Reports >> Town Reports, or pick up a physical copy at Town Hall. The back section includes reports from the Hooksett School Board, the Superintendent, Building Principals, and Directors. It has Deliberative Session details and contains the school budget, audit, and enrollment data.

You can also find the School Board Annual Report online, and in color, alongside the monthly reports: https://hooksettschoolboard.sau15.net/documents-reports/

Alert! Free and Reduced Meals

If you've stopped by any Hooksett School District website recently, you've hopefully seen this banner:

APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL BENEFITS NOW!

Free & Reduced Price Meal Benefits

Applications for **Free and Reduced Price Meal Benefits** are now available. The application takes approximately 10 minutes to complete, and eligible families could save more than **$1,200**.

Click the link below to apply online or check out the printable application and supporting documents on our website here.
Apply Now

Families are encouraged to apply and learn more about eligibility, the application process, and available resources through the Food Services section of our website. If you have any questions, please contact our food service director, Eleni Gagnon at egagnon@sau15.net or by phone at (603) 485-9890 x 6125.

The program is intended to help families in need with their school meal costs. The metric, what percentage of the district students qualify for free and reduced meals, is used to infer the economic health of the community and is a factor in allocating funds for grants and programs. New Hampshire's Adequate Education Aid formula uses free-and-reduced-price lunch enrollment as a poverty proxy to weight funding toward higher-need districts, so the number shows up in both federal reimbursement and state aid calculations. If you believe you may qualify, please complete the application: you'll be helping your family and also the entire school district.

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https://hooksettschoolboard.sau15.net
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Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Goertel
Hooksett School Board Chair

The mission of the Hooksett School District is to develop a community of learners who are intellectually curious, resourceful, and respectful of self and others. Academic achievement, through constantly improving standards, is the District's highest priority.