



School Administrative Unit 21

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Dear SAU 21 Families and Staff:

I am writing to provide you with a brief update on a number of important issues, including the status of our public school buildings, answering questions that you may have, and accessing meals for students. However, I first want to thank all of you for your flexibility, your commitment to our students, and your patience as building and SAU leaders deal with a scenario that seems to change multiple times each day. It has been inspiring for me to hear so many stories of families and educators working together to support all of our students over this first week of remote learning.

As you know, all SAU 21 schools transitioned to remote learning and closed our buildings as of March 16, 2020. Governor Sununu extended our original timeline for reopening through Friday, April 3, 2020. This week, as part of our regular statewide call with Frank Edelblut, New Hampshire Commissioner of Education, we were advised to signal our communities that remote learning will most likely continue past the April 3rd date. We hope to receive more specific information from Governor Sununu and Commissioner Edelblut by Friday, March 27, 2020.

Our principals and SAU administrative team are meeting regularly to plan for the probable extension of the remote learning period. This planning includes a myriad of concerns, including grading and reporting, high school commencement activities, athletics and extra-curricular events, April vacation, summer school and programming, and what the remainder of this year looks like when/if we return.

While we will continue to keep you informed through these updates and telephone calls, we are also very interested in addressing questions that you may have about this remote learning period and the probable extension. To that end, our SAU administrative team will hold an online forum on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. You can join this forum through the link provided on our website (www.sau21.org).

Lastly, I want to remind you that we are continuing our breakfast and lunch meal distribution for all SAU 21 school students. Remember, families do not have to qualify for free or reduced lunch to participate in the meal distribution. The pick-up and new bus stop schedule for delivery can be found at www.sau21.org. Families may pick up meals or meet the bus at a stop on the new schedule. You may call 603.926.8992 (x101) and leave a message if you have any questions about this service. A member of our staff will get back to you with more information.

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Our goal is to make certain that every SAU 21 family has the support that you need during this unprecedented event. Please contact your student's teacher(s) or principal with any school-related questions and feel free to contact me directly at blupini@sau21.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Lupini".

Bill Lupini
Superintendent of Schools