



School Administrative Unit 21

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Dear SAU 21 Families and Employees:

Earlier today Governor Sununu announced that all New Hampshire schools will continue in a remote instruction model for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Although many of us have anticipated this news as inevitable for some time, it is quite another thing when it becomes a reality. While we have worked together to address many important issues in our remote learning world (including school calendar, grading, availability of meals, and at-home connectivity), the Governor's announcement raises a host of new questions (including graduation, summer programming, meal availability after June 4th, accessing student items left at school, and many others). The truth is that while we don't yet have answers to many of these questions, we are committed to working with all of you to do so in the coming weeks.

Please know that all of our efforts will continue to be guided by the five (5) important principles we originally shared with you on March 31st:

- The need to focus on essential learning for students ("Less is More").
- The need to be flexible and ready to adapt when needs arise.
- A realization that, despite the best efforts of our amazing educators, we will not be able to replicate the learning that would be happening in our physical buildings right now.
- An emphasis on ensuring relationships with our students and families in this learning environment.
- A focus on extending grace to all in these unique and trying times.

To that end, on Saturday, April 18, 2020, we will hold our fourth online forum for parents, students and employees. Our special guest this week will be Raymond Pillsbury, Crisis Response Advisor and Winnacunnet High School Director of Special Services, to talk about comfort and supports for our communities and employees during this pandemic. Please join us at 10:00 a.m. for this important meeting, which is accessible via the contact information on our website (www.sau21.org).

Throughout this time of uncertainty and crisis, our goal will continue to be to make certain that every SAU 21 family has the support that you need. 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,

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