



School Administrative Unit 21

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Dear SAU 21 Parents, Guardians and Employees:

On Friday, August 28th, I sent a letter to you outlining the reasons for our recommendation (adopted by the Joint Board on Thursday, August 27th) that Barnard School, Lincoln Akerman School, Seabrook Elementary School, and North Hampton School (grades pk-5) join our other schools in starting the 2020-2021 year in the Enriched Virtual Learning model. At the conclusion of that Joint Board meeting on the 27th, I told Board members that we would continue to look for ways to bring our students back to school and that the data available to us could continue to evolve.

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I am pleased to inform you that, after working with SAU administrators, Principals, and building level administrators over the past three (3) days, we have been able to identify a path to implementing the model originally adopted by our School Boards in early August. Specifically, this means that our schools will begin the year in the following models:

Barnard School (South Hampton)

- In-Person Learning (grades k-8), with an abbreviated student day
- Remote Learning Academy (option for interested parents/students)

Lincoln Akerman School (Hampton Falls)

- In-Person Learning (grades k-8), with an abbreviated student day
- Remote Learning Academy (option for interested parents/students)

North Hampton School

- In-Person Learning (grades pk-5), with an abbreviated student day
- Remote Learning Academy (option for interested k-5 parents/students)

Seabrook Elementary School

- In-Person Learning (grades pk-4), with an abbreviated student day
- Remote Learning Academy (option for interested k-4 parents/students)

Serving the communities of:

Hampton Falls

North Hampton

Seabrook

South Hampton

Winnacunnet High School

North Hampton School (grades 6-8), Seabrook Middle School, and Winnacunnet High School will all open the school year in the Enriched Virtual Learning model, as previously communicated.

There are two significant caveats to this plan for in-person instruction:

- Parents who have registered their students for the Remote Learning Academy (RLA) in grades k-4 (grades k-5 at North Hampton) will not be able to change to in-person instruction through the end of the first trimester. However, if you registered your child for the in-person model and would like to have them participate in the RLA, please contact your Principal by Tuesday, September 1st at 4:00 p.m.

- We continue to be challenged by in-person group sizes and/or staffing at certain schools in specific grades. In addition, we are anticipating additional student registrations at some buildings prior to and on the first day of school (September 8, 2020). Should the number of students registered for in-person instruction in a specific grade at a certain school exceed the social distancing norms put in place at that building, given the size of the classroom, I will take steps, including the possibility of having that class/grade move to Enhanced Virtual Learning, in order to keep all students and staff safe.

I take full responsibility for the uncertainty created over the past few days with respect to the educational models to be used at each of our schools. However, circumstances have evolved enough with respect to various factors (the availability of RLA teachers, budget for the RLA, staffing in schools, etc.) that we can continue with our goal of maximizing student in-person instruction in a safe manner. That has always been our goal and, in my view, it was important to make this change when the facts on the ground allowed us to do so.

Principals will be in touch with staff and parents regarding the details of these models at each of our schools. We look forward to seeing your students in our schools on Tuesday, September 8th.

Sincerely,

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

Bill Lupini
Superintendent of Schools

