September 17, 2020

Dear SAU 21 Families:

In August we committed to providing a decision matrix that we would use in making regular determinations regarding possible moves to more in-person instruction at each of our schools.

I am attaching the final version of our SAU 21 Return to School Decision Matrix, which describes the various factors that we will use over the coming months to evaluate bringing back and/or continuing students for in-person instruction in our SAU 21 schools.

In particular, please note that there are five (5) major factors that are weighted more heavily in these evaluations:

- Community Spread of COVID-19;
- Positive COVID Results within and elementary/middle school cohort model
- Positive COVID Results within a high school model
- Staff Absenteeism and/or Leaves
- Availability of Space, Cleaning Supplies and Protective Equipment

We will begin utilizing this matrix on October 1st and every two weeks thereafter. In addition, we will be reporting the results to the public for each of our schools at these regular intervals.

We look forward to continuing to keep you informed regarding our decision-making process and our return to school efforts.

Sincerely,

Bill Lupini
Superintendent of Schools