



# School Administrative Unit 21

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Dear SAU 21 Families:

As part of our Return to School initiative, we committed to keeping Hampton Falls, North Hampton, Seabrook, South Hampton and Winnacunnet Cooperative parents and students informed of our efforts to implement in-person school across our districts. To that end, I am pleased to provide you with our initial *SAU 21 School Decision Matrix* for your student's school. Our goal is to publish this matrix every two (2) weeks in an effort to keep you informed of the challenges associated with our efforts and timeline for changes in our current models at each school.

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Specifically, we are reporting on a number of considerations, including four (4) that are weighted more heavily in our planning:

- Community COVID Spread Level (by town): This indicator provides information regarding the number of COVID cases in our communities, as reported by New Hampshire DHHS.
- Positive COVID results within the school community (elementary and middle level cohort model or high school model): This measure provides data regarding COVID cases associated with the school.
- Staff Absenteeism and Leaves: This indicator assesses where we stand with respect to availability of staffing, particularly educators, to provide in-person instruction.
- Availability of Space, as well as Cleaning and Protective Supplies: This measure examines our ability to bring in students, while maintaining social distancing and classroom parameters.

We are also monitoring student absenteeism, including requests for the Remote Learning Academy, and compliance with protections, including our screening measures for students and staff.

I am presenting these Decision Matrices at our October Board meetings on October 1<sup>st</sup> (South Hampton and North Hampton), October 13<sup>th</sup> (Seabrook and Hampton Falls), and October 21<sup>st</sup> (Winnacunnet Cooperative). Information regarding virtual access to these meetings can be found on our website at [www.sau21.org](http://www.sau21.org). In addition, these presentations will be posted on our website along with the Decision Matrix for each school after the meeting.

I hope that you find this information helpful and that your students are having a great 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

Bill Lupini  
Superintendent of Schools

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*Hampton Falls*

*North Hampton*

*Seabrook*

*South Hampton*

*Winnacunnet High School*