



School Administrative Unit 21

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Dear SAU 21 Families:

We are very proud of the efforts of our teachers and administrators at Barnard School, Seabrook Elementary School, Lincoln Akerman School, and North Hampton (pk-5) whose efforts have permitted students to have in-person school experiences since the beginning of the year. I also want to thank our Remote Learning Academy (RLA) teachers and administrator, whose efforts have contributed greatly to allowing these in-person efforts to occur.

In addition, I want to thank the educators at Seabrook Middle School, North Hampton School (grades 6-8), and Winnacunnet High School for their incredible work in making our Enriched Virtual Learning models a reality and for the planning that has occurred in advancing recommendations to create in-person models at each of these schools for the second trimester. These recommendations are being made to School Boards at their November meetings and should be finalized by the end of the month.

We are, however, very concerned about the rising rates of COVID infections that we see in New Hampshire and our member communities. We will continue to monitor these numbers closely and follow the guidance of the Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services.

One area of significant concern for us is the potential for employees and families to travel outside of New England over the coming Thanksgiving break. Yesterday, Governor Sununu announced a slight modification to the state guidance on this issue, indicating that those who travel outside of New England for “recreational purposes” must either quarantine for 14 days following their return to New Hampshire or quarantine for 7 days with a negative COVID test taken on or after day 7.

All of us have worked diligently to implement protocols that have allowed for in-person instruction at many of our schools and/or to make recommendations that will implement such models for the second trimester. However, these efforts rely on strict adherence to safety precautions on the part of families and employees.

Therefore, I am asking you to tell your Principal immediately if your family plans to travel outside of New England over the Thanksgiving holiday break. This will allow us to assist you with the steps that you will need to take for your student(s) to be in-person instruction, if necessary, in the week(s) following the holiday. It is only through such transparent conversations that we can keep everyone in our school community safe.

Please contact your Principal with any questions about the Thanksgiving break, the quarantine travel guidance, or the in-person model (in place or proposed) at your school.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

Sincerely,

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