

# School Administrative Unit Number Nine

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Dear SAU#9 Community Members:

We want to thank you for your continued dedication to the health and safety of our school communities. We realize these are unprecedented times and acknowledge that it will take each and every one of us making safe and calculated decisions in order for us to keep our doors open to in-person learning over this holiday and winter season.

The entire school community has worked very hard to bring our students back to our facilities safely. Many sacrifices have been made by students, parents and staff members to keep our schools up and running. It should also be acknowledged that there are many other schools in New Hampshire and across the country that are still in full remote or hybrid scenarios currently. There is a need for continued vigilance toward following established guidelines and procedures so that we can continue to provide face to face learning.

As we approach the holiday travel season, it is important to stress that non-essential travel outside of New England continues to be highly discouraged by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

As a reminder; "NH residents or out-of-state visitors traveling to/from areas outside of New England (Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, or Rhode Island) need to self-quarantine for the first 14 days of any intended stay in NH after travel (starting from the last day of their travel outside New England). This recommendation is irrespective of the mode of transportation for travel (public vs. private transportation)." **SOURCE:** NH Dept. of Health and Human Services (August 27, 2020) *New Hampshire COVID-19 General Travel and Quarantine Guidance, & Employer Screening and Exclusion Criteria.*

Please note that there is no testing out of quarantine and students will have to remain remote until the 14 days are up.

For further guidance regarding safer travel practices as provided by the CDC please refer to this link <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>.

We wish each of you a well deserved and relaxing Thanksgiving and holiday breaks, but ask that you please continue to keep the health and safety of our students and staff members at the forefront of your decision making so that we can continue to offer an in-person learning environment for our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. R.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Richard