

March 14, 2020

Dear SAU9 Community,

Due to the changing conditions around COVID-19 and the concerns for students, staff, and community health we have made the decision to close our school facilities until March 27, 2020. We have been working to prepare for the possibility of remote instruction over the past week. On Monday and Tuesday of this coming week, our staff will be working to coordinate instructional planning. They will be taking into consideration students with and without access to the Internet.

Staff members should be checking email on a regular basis for information regarding changes in how we deliver education. We will be communicating with you on Tuesday with more specific details about our plans. Our primary means of communication will be through School Messenger. You will receive emails, phone messages, and texts as appropriate. All information will also be posted to our website.

We understand this is a challenging and uncertain time in our communities. We hope to do whatever we can to support students and families to maintain as much normalcy as possible during this time. Thank you for your patience and support as we navigate the current challenges.

For support in talking to children about COVID-19, you may wish to check [this resource](#). You can also obtain the most up-to-date guidance regarding COVID-19 in New Hampshire from the [DHHS website: https://www.nh.gov/covid19/](https://www.nh.gov/covid19/). If you have concerns about your own health or that of a family member, you are advised to contact your physician or contact the NH Help Line by dialing 211.

Sincerely,

Kevin Richard

Superintendent of Schools