

March 15, 2020

Dear SAU9 Community,

We would like to update you on the changing conditions around COVID-19. The decision to close our school facilities beginning Monday March 16, 2020 is still in effect. In accordance with Governor Sununu's declaration today, SAU 9 will be using the week of March 16th through March 20th as planning time for remote instruction education. SAU 9 will implement remote learning beginning Monday, March 23, not Wednesday as previously communicated. This will last through at least April 3, 2020.

As we work to develop our plan for remote instruction, gathering data around student access to Internet and Internet-connected devices is critical. Please take a few moments to complete this survey to help us with our planning: <https://forms.gle/yW1bSBMHd6Dc8VLP8>

We will continue to send out messages from my office or from the building principals. 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 www.sau9.org.

We are working with the food service providers to ensure that students will continue to receive lunch programming during this timeframe. Our goal is to have a system up and running by Tuesday, March 17. Please watch for additional communication regarding how families will be able to access this resource.

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.

The link below has a list of local counselors and online resources

<http://www.khsmwv.com/school-counseling/mental-health-resources>

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/>. 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, SAU9 Superintendent of Schools