



"Learning....a voyage for a lifetime"

HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 90

7 Scott Road, Hampton, NH 03842
Phone 603.926.4560 • Fax 603.926.5070

KATHLEEN A. MURPHY
Superintendent of Schools

JESSICA L. PARSONS
Director of Student Services

MARIAH B. CURTIS
Director of Finance

April 16, 2020

Dear Hampton Families and Staff:

This afternoon Governor Sununu announced that all New Hampshire schools will continue in a remote instruction model for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Although many of us have anticipated this news as inevitable for some time, it is quite another thing when it becomes a reality. While we have worked together to address many important issues in our remote learning world (including school calendar, grading, availability of meals, at-home connectivity and class trips), the Governor's announcement raises a host of new questions (including 8th grade graduation, grade level transitions and step up activities, summer programming, meal availability after June 4, accessing student items left at school, and the list goes on). The truth is that while we don't yet have answers to many of these questions, we are committed to working with all of you to do so in the coming weeks.

Please know that all of our efforts will continue to be guided by the five (5) important principles we originally shared with you on April 2nd:

- The focus is on the essential components in learning for students
- The need to be flexible and ready to change it up when needed
- Even with the incredible effort by our educators, remote learning does not replace or replicate the learning that occurs each day in our schools.
- We understand that exceptions rule each day and we are all facing unique times.
- An emphasis on the importance of maintaining relationships with students and families

On Saturday, April 18, 2020, SAU 21 will hold an online forum for parents, students and employees. The special guest this week will be Raymond Pillsbury, Crisis Response Advisor and Winnacunnet High School Director of Special Services, to talk about comfort and support for our communities and employees during this pandemic. Please feel free to join at 10:00 a.m. for this important meeting, which is accessible via the contact information on the SAU 21 website (www.sau21.org).

Throughout this time of uncertainty and crisis, our goal will continue to be to make certain that every family has the support that you need. Please contact your student's teacher(s) or principal with any school-related questions and feel free to contact me directly at kmurphy@sau90.org.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Murphy
Superintendent of Schools