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Dear Parents, Students and Staff;

The school district is grateful for all of your support and patience for the last nine weeks as we continue with remote learning during this unprecedented time. Certainly as the weather has improved, everyone is anxious to be outdoors and enjoy the springtime temperatures. The purpose for today's communication is to update and provide you with information as we work through the final three weeks of the 2019-2020 school year.

As you are aware, the Governor has kept the "stay at home order" in effect through the end of May. However, he has issued some flexibility in that order. (Stay At Home 2.0) The schools however will remain closed for the remainder of the year and remote learning will continue for the students through June 4.

All schools will continue with the 4 instructional days for students and 1 preparation and planning day for the staff. The exception to this schedule is the designation of the Memorial Day weekend, Friday May 22 through Monday May 25, a national and state holiday. There will be no remote learning on those days. Memorial Day is a day for all of us to reflect on the sacrifices of so many who have served in the military to support our freedoms. There will also be no remote learning on Friday, May 29. Teachers will utilize the day for end of the year planning.

End of the Year Celebrations

The Building Administrators have set the schedule for families to return technology equipment and materials to the school and to pick up items from desks and lockers. The school nurses have also arranged for medications to be picked up by parents and guardians.

Hampton Academy pickup schedule: Grade 8 - June 3 from 9-12 pm
Grade 7 - June 4 from 8-11 am
Grade 6 - June 4 from 12-3 pm

Marston and Centre Schools pickup schedule for all grades is June 8. The principals will send out their time schedule separately.

Over the next several weeks the schools will be scheduling a number of events to celebrate the student's milestones as well as recognizing the accomplishments of the students. The building administrators will keep you aware of the date and time of these remote celebrations. The



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Hampton Academy staff is working on the eighth grade celebration that will be held virtually and aired on Channel 13.

End of the Year Report Cards and Class Assignments for 2020-21

This year grades will close on May 27 and report cards will be delivered through the parent portal on June 10. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the access of the report cards, please reach out to Cheryl Solari. csolari@sau90.org

Summer School

This year summer school will be provided remotely for those students scheduled to participate in additional support in reading and mathematics as well as in specialized instructional areas. If you have any questions regarding summer school, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Director of Student Services Mrs. Parsons jparsons@sau90.org.

Food Service Program

The food service program will continue through the end of June to accommodate our families who are facing the financial instability and facing food insecurity during this unprecedented crisis. Should you wish to have your children receive breakfast and lunch from now till June 30, please contact Janine Richards (jrichards@sau90.org) or Mary Borg (mborg@sau90.org). The district has recently been made aware of a federal waiver to allow the district to continue the breakfast and lunch program through the summer. More information will be forthcoming.

Eighth Grade Trip

Family members of eighth graders have inquired about the status of the grade 8 trip to Washington DC. I assure you that the district is working with a number of agencies to find an acceptable solution in refunding the parent/student payments. Principal O'Connor will be in communication with families in order to keep everyone apprised of the progress on refunds.

Fall 2020 Return to School

Many of the families and staff have asked about the return to school in the fall. COVID-19 has been a disrupter to how life was and it will be critical that we consider the changes that need to be implemented to ensure we provide a safe and excellent education for all of our students. The district is now in the planning stages to develop a framework that will address the myriad of issues that will be faced by the district. SAU 90 will be working with SAU 21 on the development of the plan, "Roadmap to Return to School". This collaboration is important given that we share families and look to ensure consistencies for our students. Throughout the planning, we will reach out to you for your input and feedback. I want to be clear that our goal will be for the return of the students to a safe and healthy environment. I am receiving guidance from the CDC and state officials at the Department of Health and Human Services on a regular basis to advise



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the district on next steps as we move forward. To date we have established a district wide committee made up of teachers, parents, administrators, school board, town officials and representatives from town departments. The framework calls for recommendations in the areas of Wellness (social emotional and physical), Instruction, Facilities, Operations (transportation, food service etc.) and Technology. Clearly, it is urgent to get this plan underway in order and prepare for school in the fall. The committee would like to have a roadmap in place by June 15 but acknowledge that situations change on almost a daily basis.

So many partners that have assisted our students in this new learning environment. We know that remote learning will not replace or replicate the work done in the classrooms every day. Because of your effort as parents and the devotion from our educators and support personnel, we will all make it through this event. Special recognition and "Kudos" to our school and community partners. The PTA, Chamber of Commerce, Hobbs House, the Hampton PD and Fire Department, Gather Food Program and End 68 Hours of Hunger have been a great source of strength and support to us. The food service program has also received a number of donations to support those families who would benefit from additional meals.

We want to be certain that all of our students and families are receiving the support needed during this unprecedented crisis. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or principal with any school related matter and feel free to contact me at kmurphy@sau90.org. if I can be of assistance to your family.

Take care and be well.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Murphy
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