



RSU 3

Regional School Unit #3

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Happy New Year RSU #3!

I am wishing the best for all the families of the RSU #3 communities for this upcoming year. The past few years have been some of the most difficult times in our society, not just in our schools. Each and every one of us has been impacted by this pandemic in different ways. It is our hope to renew our efforts to connect, support and foster positive relationships with our communities. My door is always open and I am willing to listen. We need to continue to work together to provide the best opportunity for the children of this wonderful community.

With a renewed commitment to communication, I am inviting RSU #3 parents, guardians, and community members to a **Public Information Night on Wednesday, January 5th from 6-8pm at the MVHS**. At this meeting, I will be presenting an update to the RSU #3 COVID Response Plan to align with the most recent release of the Maine Department of Education's COVID Standard Operating Procedures, as well as answering your questions.

As we begin a new calendar year, I want to share with you a few changes and/or clarifications. Please feel free to ask questions if you need additional information.

Pooled Testing:

Pooled testing is being offered to all RSU #3 students K-12. More information is available at [RSU 3 Pooled Testing Information](#). Students who participate in pooled testing do not need to quarantine if identified as a close contact. Pooled testing is highly recommended for any students participating in school or community sports programs.

Remote Learning Expectations:

In the event that a class or school has to move to remote learning or your child is quarantined, there are still expectations for learning engagement. Teachers and staff will provide appropriate learning resources for the students during this time. Students are expected to check into virtual office hours, zoom classes, Google classes, etc as directed by their teacher. If you are unable to access reliable internet, alternative learning resources can be provided; however, students and staff are still expected to connect throughout the remote/quarantine time.

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Remote Meals:

The RSU #3 School Nutrition program is committed to providing healthy school meals to all of our students, whether attending in person or during quarantine. Any parents that wish for their child to receive a school meal during quarantine may coordinate with the school office for an appropriate pick up time.

All of us at RSU #3 know that this is not easy on anyone, especially our students. In addition we understand that individuals may or may not agree with the protocols and/or procedures we have in place. Please understand that we are doing the best we can do with the information, recommendations, and guidelines provided to us by our state agencies.

As a reminder, please join us for the public information meeting on Wednesday, January 5th at 6pm at the MVHS. I appreciate the support of everyone involved and look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's principal or myself and we would be happy to help you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles D. Brown, Superintendent

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