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## COVID-19 Letter #4 Update

Dear RSU 12 Families, Staff, and Community,

I hope you are all doing well during this challenging time. It is nice to have some warmer weather. The sun brings some hope to this difficult situation we find ourselves in.

Last night, we received a recommendation from the Maine Commissioner of Education that we should begin to plan to replace classroom instruction with remote/distance learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. At this time, this is a recommendation only. RSU 12 planning teams are working to refine plans in order to continue our current remote/distance learning efforts until the end of the year should that be necessary. The RSU 12 Board of Directors will consider this recommendation from the Commissioner and make a decision in the next ten days about what the rest of the school year will look like for RSU 12 students.

You can read the Commissioners full recommendation here, [PRIORITY NOTICE: DOE Commissioner Recommends that Maine Schools Plan for Remote/Distance Learning for the Remainder of the School Year](#)

### Continued Learning Packets

The core of our remote/distance learning plan is our “Continuity of Learning” packets. We have been sending these out weekly and it has created safety concerns as too many staff members are in the building at once preparing these packets. For these safety reasons, we will not be delivering packets during this Friday’s bus run. We will put improved safety structures in place and restart the Learning Packets next Friday, April 17th. Educators will provide packets that approximate two weeks of practice work as we will start delivering learning packets every **other** Friday should the classroom closure continue until the end of the year. Once again, I want to thank all RSU 12 educators who have made determined efforts to reach out, support, and educate all RSU 12 students during this challenging time.

### Meals

Our bus runs will continue and meals will continue to be delivered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. However, please note starting the week of April 20th, meals will only be delivered Tuesdays and Fridays.

**RSU 12 Facilities**

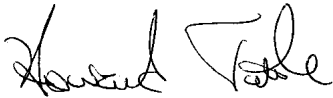
This is a reminder that all RSU 12 buildings will be closed to the public during this extended closure.

**Social Distancing**

Please remember that social distancing is extremely important in order to keep this pandemic from overwhelming Maine. Don't forget to follow the guidance from the Maine CDC to keep yourself and others safe.

We are very grateful for our staff who continue to provide creative learning opportunities for our students and deliver prepared meals to our RSU 12 families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard Tuttle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Howard" and last name "Tuttle" clearly distinguishable.

Howard Tuttle  
Superintendent, RSU 12