September 3, 2020

Dear RSU 3 Families,

I hope this letter finds you doing well. We are excited for the return to school next week for many of our children and are equally excited to work with those choosing to remain in remote learning. Below is important information for our return to school.

**Masks:** All students are required to wear a mask while on the buses and on RSU 3 property. Staff will provide students with guidance as to when it is appropriate to remove their masks. State guidelines require that all masks be multiple layers of cloth fabric. Gaiter style face coverings and masks with vents of any kind are not permitted. Any student unable to wear a mask, must have medical documentation and/or a plan approved by school administration.

**Material pick up for remote learners:** For families who have chosen to keep their child(ren) home for remote instruction, materials can be picked up at your child’s school on Friday, September 4th, between 9:00AM-3:00PM. If this doesn’t work for you, please reach out to your child’s school to make other arrangements.

**Hotspot availability:** For families that need internet support, the school can loan out hotspot devices. You may pick up a device, one device per family, at your child’s school on Friday, September 4th, between 9:00AM-3:00PM. If this doesn’t work for you, please reach out to your child’s school to make other arrangements.

**Meal pick up for remote learners:** RSU3 School Nutrition Program can provide meals to any child age 18 and under. Students who attend school will go home with a meal for their remote learning day. If your child is not attending school, but you still want school meals, please call one of the school offices to sign up. Families can pick up meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays at school.

**Transportation/Parent transport:** We are encouraging parents to transport their children to school. If your child needs to use school transportation, masks must worn at all times. When parents are dropping off or picking up children, they must remain in the car and a staff member will meet them. If you don’t know your school’s particular drop off/pick up routine, please call the main office for more information.
Bus routes: Updated bus routes have been sent out and can be found on the district website, www.rsu3.org. Please be patient with us during our first week of school, as we have new routes and procedures to follow. If you have any questions regarding your child’s transportation, please contact your child’s school.

Daily At-Home Screen: All students and staff are required to do a health screening at home, prior to getting on the bus or arriving at school. Attached you will find a copy of the screening tool. All students will be sent home with a paper copy, in a plastic sheet, for you to hang up in your house for easy access.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact your child’s school. Thank you for your support of our schools.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles D. Brown, Superintendent of Schools