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Dear Students, Parents, and Families,

Last night our School Board voted to close in-person learning at four of our schools from Monday, September 28, 2020 through Tuesday, October 13, 2020. At the School Board meeting on Tuesday, October 13th the School Board will reconsider the need to close schools. The four schools are in the Mountain Valley Region:

- Mountain Valley High School
- Mountain Valley Middle School
- Meroby Elementary School
- Rumford Elementary School

During this time students will be participating in fully-remote learning activities with our staff. Our schools will be deeply cleaned and awaiting student return.

I truly believe our students and staff have done an exemplary job following Covid-19 health & safety protocols in our schools and on our transportation, allowing them to be some of the safest places in our community.

Please keep the following in mind:

- If your student doesn't have a device for remote learning at this time we will do everything we can for them to have one by Monday, September 28th.
- Wednesday, October 7, 2020 still remains a Teacher Workshop Day.
- There is in-person learning at Hartford Sumner Elementary School, Buckfield Junior Senior High School and our Western Maine Regional Program.
- Thursday, October 15th will be the first day of possible in-person learning at these four schools.

Meanwhile, our other schools will follow the CDC guidelines which would call for a 7 to 14 day quarantine if there were 3 separate positive Covid-19 cases in a school building within a 14-day period.

Please stay safe!
Sincerely,
Deb Alden

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