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Regional School Unit #3

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Dear RSU #3 Families and Community,

Just about a week ago, we had a positive case of COVID-19 at MVES. Since that case, we have been in constant contact with the Maine CDC and monitoring our community situation closely. While other school districts throughout Maine have been moving to remote learning only, RSU #3 has been able to maintain our “yellow” model of hybrid learning. We will continue to be proactive, consulting with the Maine CDC and DOE and working closely with local agencies as needed.

This past Friday, the Maine DOE and Governor’s office classified Waldo County as a “Yellow” county. The good news is that RSU #3 was already operating in a “Yellow” model, so we did not have to make any significant changes. The unfortunate news was that it ended fall sports and in-person extracurricular activities.

Over the past week, the administration of RSU #3 has been meeting to discuss our plans for the upcoming phase-in return to 4 days/week of in-person instruction. This plan was to bring K-5 students back, starting November 2nd, to 4 full days of instruction. Unfortunately, with the designation of Waldo County as “Yellow” and the uncertainty that surrounds the current community outbreak, we have decided to delay the return to 4 day in-person instruction. As long as Waldo County remains designated as “yellow”, we will delay transitioning to 4 days in-person. Once the designation is changed back to “Green”, we will make a decision about moving into the 4 day/week instruction for K-5.

What does this mean? RSU #3 will remain in our current instructional model, of Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday cohorts.

In addition, I wanted to provide some important information that we have learned through this process. Most importantly, continue to follow the protocols of social distancing, wearing of a mask/face covering, and proper sanitation. Furthermore, research shows that people may be asymptomatic, meaning not showing any signs or symptoms; however, still test positive. We cannot emphasize enough, that if you and/or children are feeling unwell or you are concerned, please get tested and consult with your family physician.

I thank you for your continued support of RSU #3. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s school or Central Office.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles D. Brown, Superintendent

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