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Thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent/guardian and employee surveys. These questionnaires were designed to provide us with important information on your Thanksgiving and December holiday travel plans, as well as student/parent interest in our in-person and remote models for the second trimester, which begins on Monday, December 7, 2020. Specifically, we are looking at the following issues:

- Given New Hampshire's current restrictions for those traveling outside of New England (namely, a 14 day quarantine following one's return to the state), will we experience staffing and/or student attendance issues between November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> and/or between January 4<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>? If so, what are the appropriate steps to deal with these challenges?
- Will we continue to be able to provide in-person instruction for five (5) days per week
  at North Hampton (pk-5), Hampton Falls (k-8), Seabrook Elementary (pk-4) and South
  Hampton (k-8) if significant numbers of students from those schools wish to return to
  in-person from our Remote Learning Academy for the second trimester, given social
  distancing requirements and classroom configurations?
- What models would allow us to accommodate students interested in an in-person experience at Seabrook Middle (grades 5-8), North Hampton (grades 6-8) and Winnacunnet (grades 9-12), while still meeting the needs of students from those schools who wish to remain in remote instruction? Specifically, are there hybrid models that would meet these needs of all students at these schools?
- Given that the preferences that parents expressed through the survey are based on their current understanding of our models (i.e., in-person as a five day per week idea), how will we assist families in making informed decisions after the specifics of our models for second trimester are publicized and adopted?

We reviewed the results with Principals at a meeting on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and hope to finalize recommendations on or before Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> for each of our School Boards to consider at their November meetings. <u>Our goal continues to be the safe implementation of at least some degree of in-person instruction at every school and grade span beginning on either December 7<sup>th</sup> or just after the first of the year.</u>

Serving the communities of:

Hampton Falls

North Hampton

Seabrook

South Hampton

Winnacunnet High School

Our November School Board meeting schedule is as follows:

South Hampton Thursday, November 5, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.
North Hampton Thursday, November 5, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.
Seabrook Tuesday, November 10, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.
Hampton Falls Tuesday, November 10, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.
Winnacunnet Wednesday, November 18, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

Each of these meetings will be held in the Winnacunnet High School Auditorium and will be live streamed. Details on how to attend and/or access the meeting will be available on our website at <a href="https://www.sau21.org">www.sau21.org</a>.

We are looking forward to discussing the next iterations of our school decision plans with our Boards and communities and, ultimately, to having our students safely back in school buildings.

Sincerely,

Bill Lupini

**Superintendent of Schools**