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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our ability to return to full in person learning relies on several factors including the community transmission rates, positive COVID test rates, staffing shortages due to strict travel guidelines requiring quarantining after non-essential travel and need for childcare due to other area school closures. Data from our parent survey regarding return to school indicates that when we reopen, 61% of students will return to in person instruction, while 39% prefer hybrid or remote learning. Due to these factors, we have decided to continue remote learning as originally planned through the month of December.

However, based on parent and teacher feedback, we understand that some of our students are struggling with remote learning. Therefore, we have invited some students, SAU wide, to participate in the following options from December 14th until December 22nd. We will provide in school support for these identified students (half day morning). Our goal is to provide a safe structured place for students to access instruction, academic and emotional support, and tutorial assistance. Due to staffing and safety constraints, this program is limited. Teachers and administrators have identified the students most at risk in these areas and reached out to them.

During this remote learning period, we will continue to support our students and families. If you need assistance with home internet connectivity, we are providing Mobile Hotspots. If you require meal support, we are delivering meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If your students require counseling, our school staff will provide support.

We understand that students and families continue to be challenged by the ongoing pandemic. We need to be prepared to change our plans in response to guidance from the NH Department of Health and Human Services, the NH Department of Education, and the COVID-19 transmission rates in our communities. Members of the District are collaborating with our area healthcare providers and the local community mitigation team to facilitate a safe, organized reopening for your students on January 4.

If you need assistance in the areas outlined above, please contact your school for additional information. Thank you for supporting student success and community health and wellness.

Sincerely,

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Mission Statement

To prepare all SAU 7 students for success in whatever path they choose.

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