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Dear SAU 50 Parents and Staff,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

On March 4th the Center for Disease Control (CDC), made important changes to their recommendations for people who have traveled to countries with Level 2 and Level 3 advisories. This new guidance instructs travelers who visited countries with a Level 3 alert (China, Italy, Iran and South Korea, as of 3-4-2020) to "stay home and monitor their health for 14 days after returning to the United States." It also instructs travelers from countries with a Level 2 alert (Japan, as of 3-4-2020) to "monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States."

SAU 50 has already adopted procedures consistent with this updated guidance. Students and educators who have traveled to Level 3 risk areas are asked to self-quarantine for 14-days after leaving the at risk areas and to contact their medical provider if they present symptoms. Consistent with the previous guidance, it is permissible for siblings of students who traveled to Level 3 areas to attend school, but should continue to monitor.

During these voluntary self-quarantines, schools will make remote instructional options available to students and no students will be penalized for absences.

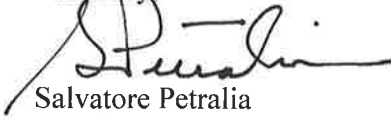
While COVID-19 is a serious virus, it is still a virus that is transmitted principally person to person. With that, we encourage school staff, students, and their families to take the following steps to help prevent the spread of respiratory infections in schools and their communities:

- Stay home from class and work until you have been fever free for at least 24 hours without taking any fever reducing medication and you feel better;
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth;
- Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects; and
- Get the annual influenza vaccine.

We continue to reinforce these healthy habits with our students. In addition, we have enhanced our in-school cleaning routines to disinfect more frequently. Also, we have been in close contact with our transportation providers to ensure they are following proper protocols and procedures to ensure their fleets are cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis. It is important as a rule, but particularly important now to keep sick children at home. Children should stay at home for at least 24 hours after the last signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine. Those who have a constant cough should stay home until medicine relieves it. Any child who is sick at school should go home. School principals will work with parents to ensure students can make up missed work or do work from home when that is appropriate. For more information and the latest updates please refer to:

- U.S. CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>
- NH Division of Public Health Services website: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Salvatore Petralia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Salvatore Petralia
Superintendent, School Administrative Unit 50