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Dear SAU 50 Parents, Guardians & Staff,

I am writing to provide you an update on the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). Despite some recent changes in certain school districts in the region, the plan set forth in my communication from Saturday March 14th remains unchanged. I have excerpted relevant information from yesterday and it is copied below.

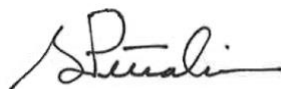
1. **All SAU 50 schools will be open on Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th.** This will allow sufficient time for our building leaders, teachers, and support staff to plan instruction for school closure and effect a smooth transition to remote instruction for our students and families.
2. **Effective Wednesday, March 18th, all SAU 50 schools will be closed to begin remote instruction. This closure will remain in effect through Friday, March 27th.** SAU 50 staff will be communicating with parents and students remotely. In some cases, students will be bringing materials or devices home on Monday or Tuesday to begin remote instruction on Wednesday.

Certain families may be making personal decisions to keep children home on Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th while school is in session. Please be aware that I fully support your decisions and that any absences on Monday and Tuesday will be considered excused absences. Further, if your child(ren) will be absent on Monday and Tuesday, please make arrangements with the appropriate school personnel to pick up educational materials, learning tools, and/or devices as appropriate.

3. **Food Service During School Closure** We are seeking additional guidance from our state agencies with regard to providing meals for our families in need. Additional information will be sent from my office next week, prior to the first day of closure on Wednesday, March 18th.

In closing, I want to thank our entire staff and the families we serve for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,



Salvatore Petralia
Superintendent of Schools
SAU 50