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Dear SAU 50 Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

I am writing to provide you with an update relative to COVID-19. We continue to actively monitor the situation and have been in communication with our state agencies, associations, the New Hampshire Department of Education, and colleagues from across the region. I will continue to provide you updates as information is received.

This past week of remote instruction was the result of the Herculean effort of our entire staff; teachers, administrators, and support staff. Thank you for ensuring a successful launch of remote instruction to accommodate the needs of our students. From my perspective, the process of lesson planning, material preparation, and device distribution was flawless. Once again, I thank our entire staff and appreciate the extra efforts to support students and families in these difficult times.

I am certain that the shift to remote instruction has caused a significant disruption for parents and guardians, as well as our staff who have children at home. I want to thank parents who contacted me through email or phone to praise the fine work of our staff or volunteer their time to assist. I thank you for your patience and understanding and urge you to reach out to teachers, administrators, or me with any questions or concerns as we move forward into the second week of remote instruction.

We all need to be reminded to take care of ourselves, our families, and friends in such difficult times. It is natural to feel stress, anxiety, and worry in this current situation. I urge you to take care of your own emotional health in order to tend to the needs of others in your family or community. I have enclosed a couple of resources that may be useful to you.

In closing, please be advised that effective Monday, March 23rd, the SAU 50 office in Greenland will be closed to the public. Central office staff will be working remotely beginning March 23rd through April 3rd. I advise parents and staff to utilize email while the central office is closed.

Sincerely,



Salvatore Petralia
Superintendent of Schools
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