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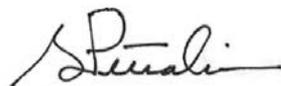
Dear SAU 50 Parents, Guardians & Staff,

I am writing to provide you an update on the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). After consultation with state and local officials, and as a follow-up to my message yesterday, please be informed that we will begin implementing a plan for remote instruction in each of our school districts beginning **Wednesday, March 18th**. The plan for this upcoming week is as follows:

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.
3. **Collaboration with SAU 52 - Portsmouth** I have spoken with Superintendent Zdravec in Portsmouth and we decided to make a timely and unified decision that is best for students, faculty, and families; cognizant of the fact that families may have children in both school districts. We understand that this is a hardship for many and appreciate everyone's patience.
4. **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 in these difficult times. I thank our school board members for their support and guidance. I will continue to send updates as additional information is received.

Sincerely,



Salvatore Petralia
Superintendent of Schools
SAU 50