Thursday, October 8, 2020

As of today, we have no new or active positive COVID-19 cases within our school community. If there are any changes to the number of active COVID-19 cases within our school community, the district will notify the school community. Below are a few additional highlights for parents that we wanted to mention this week.

- **Travel Guidelines:** As we approach a long weekend, we ask that our community continues to stay diligent in order to prevent and limit the exposure of COVID-19 within our schools. With all travel, district staff and students are expected to follow state guidance on social-distancing and mask-wearing, as well as understand the standards and travel advisories set by the state of New Hampshire and the CDC. For more travel guidance from the state and CDC, please view the following resources:

- **Cohort Scheduling:** Effective, Tuesday, October 6th, the Windham School Board has adopted a hybrid cohort schedule through the month of December. If at any point, the district is in a situation where it is safe to resume full in-person learning or we have to revert to a full remote model, the Board will look to make the appropriate adjustments to the existing schedule. To view the hybrid cohort schedule for October-December, please click here: [https://bit.ly/2GN6ukS](https://bit.ly/2GN6ukS). The cohort calendar creates an equitable academic rotation for in-person learning opportunities for Cohort #1 and Cohort #2. By way of example: On a vacation day or teacher workshop day when students do not attend school, the scheduled cohort day is not cancelled but rather moved out so that the group can attend in-person learning the next school day.

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** In order to maintain social distancing guidelines, all parent/teacher conferences will be held virtually this year. Your child’s school will be communicating with you directly on how to register/sign-up for these virtual sessions. If you feel that an in-person conference is necessary, you are able to reach out to your child’s teacher directly to coordinate that request.

- **High School Athletics Reminder:** As the Jaguars continue their fall season, we wanted to remind parents/guardians of the new safety standards that the NH Division I Athletic Directors have all agreed to: [https://bit.ly/2F8zZNy](https://bit.ly/2F8zZNy). **Away game spectators are not allowed.**

- **Virtual Learning Packs (VLPs):** One positive aspect of integrating a hybrid learning platform is the flexibility to continue education even if inclement weather forces us to cancel in-person learning for the day. If there is suspected inclement weather, we are requesting that all students in grades 3-12 bring
home their device in case weather does not permit us to hold in-person learning. Students in grades PK-2 will be provided with a virtual learning pack (VLP) to receive credit for the day. In order for our district to receive credit for the day, 80% or more students need to be accounted for. On inclement weather/snow days, all remote students are required to attend and participate in the lessons for the day. Your child’s school will be communicating additional details about this within the coming months.

Our district continues to successfully function in our hybrid learning model. We will continue to make the proper adjustments and improvements as needed throughout this process. I wanted to acknowledge and thank our teachers and administrative staff for continuing to go above and beyond our expectations to deliver an equitable learning environment for all students.

Thank you,

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Superintendent of Schools