



School Administrative Unit 21

March 26, 2021

Dear SAU 21 Families and Community,

Spring Sports

All SAU 21 Districts are offering skills, intramurals, or competitive sports this spring at the middle school and high school levels. Seabrook will have softball and baseball. North Hampton will offer baseball, cross country, cycling club, softball and track based on interest. Barnard School will have after school skills based on cohort and Lincoln Akerman will offer track and field. The high school spring sports season begins on March 29th. We encourage students to visit winnacunnet.org to find schedules and coach contact information for the following teams: baseball, softball, boys/girls tennis, track & field, boys volleyball, and boys/girls lacrosse.

SAU 21 Vaccine Closed Pod

The vaccine closed pod for SAU 21, SAU 90, and Sacred Heart schools was a huge success last weekend, March 20th-21st. Educators received the first dose of the Moderna vaccine over the course of the weekend at the Winnacunnet gymnasium. The Hampton Fire Department has determined that they can administer the vaccine for all schools within one day instead of two for the second dose on Saturday, April 17th.

Celebrating Women's History Month

I certainly couldn't let March go by without acknowledging and honoring Women's History Month. I encourage you to explore the history, leaders, and events led by women at womenshistorymonth.gov. I celebrate and honor all of our leaders during this special month including the following administrators: Susan Snyder, Becca Carlson, Aisha Weaver, and Paula Field at North Hampton School; Beth Raucci, Melissa McKeon, and Beth Simon at Lincoln Akerman School; Erin Milbury, Stephanie Lafreniere, Jessica Parsons, Lauren DeConstant, Cindy Fagan, and Abigail Kaplan at Seabrook Schools; Michelle Witt and Aline Donabedian at Barnard School; and Karen Schweizer, Amy Hood, Heather Cronan, Lauren Marsden, and Donna Couture at Winnacunnet High School.

As always, please reach out to us if you have questions at any time. We are a community.

Sincerely,

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Serving the communities of:
Hampton Falls
North Hampton
Seabrook
South Hampton
Winnacunnet High School

School Spotlight: Equity

On Tuesday, March 23rd, representatives from throughout the SAU were able to give [a presentation and set forward a strategic planning framework](#) around race & equity based on the following shared beliefs:

- *Each student can learn with adequate support at the highest levels when all staff provide equitable access and opportunity for learning, and hold each student to high expectations;*
- *Maximizing the academic achievement of every child requires allocating resources equitably, not necessarily equally;*
- *Everyone in the district will act to eliminate disparities to prepare all students for college and career and;*
- *An inclusive and welcoming environment plays a critical role in supporting a child's educational goals.*

The committee was able to discuss how factors such as socio-economic status, sexual orientation/ gender identity, race, demographics, and special education needs play into the opportunities for all students to succeed at SAU 21. Additionally, we were all able to reflect on the need for community involvement and participation in these discussions. Moving forward, there will be opportunities for staff and administration to assess progress through the lenses of policy, professional development, community outreach, and curriculum review. Special thanks to the members of the presentation team and Joint Board for an honest and thoughtful discussion!

- Dr. Hobbs, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment, & Instruction

COVID-19 Guidance & Resources / Nurses' Corner

VACCINE Phases, Information, Registration for New Hampshire <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/>

[COVID-19 Testing Sites: SAU 21 Towns](#): SAU 21 Nurses compiled this table that includes testing site information from Newburyport to Hampton to Stratham.

[NHDHHS COVID-19 Schools Dashboard](#): The Schools dashboard shows COVID-19 data for schools and their surrounding communities. Select a specific county using the map on the left. This selection will display county-level COVID-19 activity and cases in every school in the county.

Previously Shared Information

The following information was shared in a previous communication to families. The information is still relevant for this week and month and has been updated where appropriate.

SAU 21 Updates & Notices

In the case of **inclement weather**, all SAU 21 Districts will either have a remote learning day or be closed for the day.

Remote Learning Day: All staff and students will work remotely during a remote learning day. This day counts as a school day and will not have to be made up at the end of the year. Schools/grades that are currently remote will adhere to the same schedule. Schools that are in-person (full or hybrid) may have an augmented schedule (published by your building principal).

Closed: Families and staff will receive a message regarding a school being “closed” meaning no students are attending virtually or in person. These days are reserved for substantial power outages across our region. These days will resemble the “snow days of the past” and will need to be made up at the end of year.

SAU 21 Board/Budget Committee Meetings
Visit SAU21.org for Zoom links or location information.

March

2021-03-29 (Mon) SAU21 Superintendent Search Committee — 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

April

2021-04-01 (Thu) South Hampton School Board Meeting — 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
North Hampton School Board Meeting — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
2021-04-13 (Tue) Seabrook School Board Meeting — 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Hampton Falls School Board Meeting — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
2021-04-14 (Wed) Joint Board Policy Committee Meeting — 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

2021-04-19-23 (Mon-Fri) Spring Break - No School - Barnard School, South Hampton
2021-04-26-30 (Mon-Fri) Spring Break - No School - Lincoln Akerman School, Seabrook Schools,
North Hampton School, Winnacunnet HS

We are hiring!

SAU 21 is a great place to work and an equal opportunity employer. Please check out our website, sau21.org for current employment opportunities.

We currently have openings for:

- Teaching position for the 21-22 school year
- Facilities positions at various schools, a night custodian position and two part-time positions
- Substitute positions including school nurse substitutes
- Educational Associates for our Special education program

If interested, please apply at: <https://www.applitrack.com/sau21/onlineapp/default.aspx>

Meal Distribution Information

SAU 21 Meal Distribution during COVID-19

Meals (breakfast and lunch) continue to be free for all students in buildings and learning remotely in 2021. We encourage full participation in our meal distribution program to any/all families regardless of free/reduced lunch eligibility.

Pick up

- **Meal Pick up** time is at least during **9:00am-10:00am** at **LAS, NHS, Seabrook, and WHS.**
- **Pickup will be provided Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays** unless otherwise noted for holidays.

- Parents/guardians from all five SAU 21 districts may **pick up at any location** for any of their children.

Delivery

- **Delivery will be provided Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays** unless otherwise noted for holidays.
- **[Click here to view the bus route.](#)** Please check back frequently as stops and routes are subject to change. Please allow for a 3-5 minute range before and after the posted bus stop time. Buses will beep upon arrival to bus stops.
- Click here to access: [Family Food Resource List – Other Resources](#) (As posted on the [SAU 21 Meals Program Page.](#))

If you have any questions regarding receiving meals, please contact your Principal, Nutrition Director, or School Counselor/Social Worker.