



School Administrative Unit 21

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Dear SAU 21 Families and Community,

I hope all of our families had a rejuvenating and relaxing winter break.

Although we have received positive feedback regarding our weekly letter and updates, we recognize that this communication goes only one way. Therefore, I'd like to invite you to a virtual listening session exclusively for parents and guardians of students who attend SAU 21 schools. I'll be holding a listening session for parents and guardians Wednesday, March 10th, 2021 at 6:00pm in an effort to hear from you regarding how you'd like to be involved in our school community. It is my hope that parents attend this session and provide input as to how we can create pathways for parents and guardians to work together with educators to support the educational system at SAU 21. In addition, I welcome you to bring your questions regarding what might be happening in your district so I can hear the questions and concerns from the community. Please help me to share this information with parents so that we can have a robust conversation.

What: Listening Session with the Interim Superintendent, Dr. Caroline Arakelian

Who: Parents & Guardians of SAU 21 students

When: Wednesday, March 10th at 6:00pm-7:00pm

Where: Zoom. [Click here to log into the meeting.](#)

Thank you for your continued support and participation in our schools. We couldn't do it without you!

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

Sincerely,

Caroline Arakelian
Interim Superintendent of Schools
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Serving the communities of:

Hampton Falls

North Hampton

Seabrook

South Hampton

Winnacunnet High School

I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.

– **Michael Jordan**

School Spotlight: RLA & Trimester 3 Transition

We've completed the window for K-8 Trimester 3 RLA (Remote Learning Academy) transfers, with 74 student requests to return to in-person instruction beginning on March 22nd. Additionally, based on student and parent feedback, the high school has distributed a survey that incorporates three models for return: full in-person, hybrid, and full remote. As a result, schools in all districts are finalizing plans to welcome more in-person students in T3, while we continue to support our families who have chosen to remain remote for the 2020-2021 school year.

As we embark on the last portion of the school year, we continue to send thanks and appreciation for the flexibility of our staff, families, and administration in their collaborative efforts to support students throughout SAU 21.

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

Seacoast Family Supports & Early Learning Survey

Dear Parents & Guardians of Children age 8 or younger,

We hope you are staying safe and well in these challenging times. Right now, we are partnering with United Way of the Greater Seacoast and the school districts serving Hampton, North Hampton, South Hampton, Hampton Falls, and Seabrook to help complete a regional needs assessment. This process will help us understand how Seacoast families are connecting with family supports and early learning resources. Our hope is to use this information to make sure all families have what they need to prepare their children for kindergarten.

Click [here](#) to be directed to the 2021 Seacoast Family Supports and Early Learning Survey. In appreciation for your time, we are raffling off \$25 gift cards.

Please take a few minutes to share your insights through this survey. The more people that answer the survey, the better information we will have to help make sure all families can access the child care and early learning supports they need.

On behalf of SAU 21 we thank you for all you do for your child and your family. We thank you for taking the time to complete this survey so we can serve you better.

Sincerely,

The Preschool Development Leadership Committee
SAU 21 & 90

**Do you
like \$25
prizes?
AND HAVE A
YOUNG CHILD
AT HOME?**



Tell us about your kiddos' child care and pre-K!
Visit bit.ly/FamilySupports
And enter to win one of our 100 \$25 gift cards!

School Board Elections: Tuesday, March 9th, 2021

While the following school board members did not seek reelection this year we would like to sincerely thank them for their service on their boards:

John Bailly (Hampton Falls, 6 years)
Gregg Duffy (North Hampton, 6 years)

Cindy Burke (North Hampton, 5 months)
Mike Rabideau (Seabrook, 4 years and Winnacunnet, 1 year)
Heidi Taracena (Winnacunnet, 2 years)

The following candidates have filed for seat(s) on the School Boards at the upcoming election:

Hampton Falls School Board (3 seats): Anthony Lang, Jill Swasey, Barbara Goodman
North Hampton School Board (2 seats): Anna Spaulding, Bryan Belanger, Margaret Clifford, Danielle Strater
Seabrook School Board (2 seats): Forrest Carter, Christina Keiser, Keith Sanborn
South Hampton School Board: Jim Kime
Winnacunnet School Board
Hampton Representative: Nicole Cico
Seabrook Representative: Patricia O'Keefe
At-Large Representative (1 seat): Leslie Lafond, James Sununu

COVID-19 Guidance & Resources / Nurses' Corner

[NH Division of Public Health Services: Quarantine Guidelines after being Exposed to COVID-19](#)

This document guides our contact-tracing efforts in schools. When there is a confirmed COVID-19 test result, Nurses and Principals determine if there were any individuals within 6' for more than a cumulative ten minutes in the past 48 hours. Whomever was exposed given that criteria, will be excluded for ten days.

VACCINE questionnaire <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/> Answer the questions to determine when you can take the vaccine. If you have questions about COVID-19 you may now call 2-1-1 or visit <http://nh.gov/covid19>. COVID-19 specific call-takers are available Monday through Friday 8am-7pm and Saturday 8am-5pm.

[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

2021-03-01 (Mon)	SAU21 Permanent Superintendent Search Committee - 6:00 - 8:00 pm
2021-03-04 (Thu)	South Hampton School Board Meeting — 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm North Hampton School Board Meeting— 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
2021-03-08 (Mon)	SAU21 Permanent Superintendent Search Committee— 6:00 - 8:00 pm
2021-03-09 (Tue)	No School - Town Voting Day - Teacher PD Day
2021-03-11 (Thu)	Operations Committee — 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
2021-03-15 (Mon)	SAU21 Permanent Superintendent Search Committee — 6:00 - 8:00 pm
2021-03-16 (Tue)	Seabrook School Board Meeting — 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Hampton Falls School Board Meeting — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
2021-03-17 (Wed)	No School - Teacher PD Day
2021-03-17 (Wed)	Winnacunnet School Board Meeting — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
2021-03-22 (Mon)	SAU21 Permanent Superintendent Search Committee — 6:00 - 8:00 pm
2021-03-23 (Tue)	SAU21 Joint Board Meeting — 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
2021-03-29 (Mon)	SAU21 Permanent Superintendent Search Committee — 6:00 - 8:00 pm

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 routes.](#) 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.