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Dear SAU 21 Families,

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Governor Sununu issued [Emergency Order #89](#) on April 1st, which requires school districts to offer in-person learning five days per week as of April 19th, 2021. We are proud to report that all SAU 21 schools will continue to offer five days of in-person learning as we move forward. Further, we have determined that the instructional hours we offer at all SAU 21 schools fulfill the required total number of hours required for a school year. In other words, although we may maintain dismissal times that are earlier than pre-pandemic schedules, students will have access to the same number of hours of teaching and learning as they have in years past, and as required by the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE).

I hope this clarification is helpful as you are learning about the executive order and wondering how it might impact your school and district. Please note that we continue to uphold the same safety standards and procedures that have supported our in-person learning this year. These requirements include mandatory screening, mask-wearing (despite the expiration of the state-wide mandate), six-foot social distancing, cohorting, and minimal transitions throughout the building. Although the adults could be fully vaccinated by May 3rd given the SAU 21 vaccine pod, we recognize that our students age fifteen (15) and younger have not had access to the vaccine as of yet.

Thank you for continued support and adherence to safety protocols during this unique year. It is essential that we remain vigilant in these efforts, and continue to participate in the online screening on a daily basis in order to reduce the risk of exposure at school. We will continue to be in touch as we learn more from NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the NHDOE regarding the ever-evolving state of the pandemic in New Hampshire.

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Sincerely,

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