



School Administrative Unit 21

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If your determination is fixed, I do not counsel you to despair. Few things are impossible to diligence and skill. Great works are performed not by strength, but perseverance.

- Samuel Johnson

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Dear SAU 21 Families and Community,

We are incredibly grateful that all of our budgets and warrant articles passed in all SAU 21 districts as a result of voter support on election day, March 9th, 2021. This is certainly a sign of support for our employees and our work. Thank you to all of you for your continued support and involvement in our budget and board elections.

I'm pleased to introduce our new and returning board members. At Hampton Falls, Barbara Goodman will fill the open seat. Anthony Lang and Jill Swasey will continue along with Jason Farias and Greg Parish. Bryan Belanger and Danielle Strater won the two open seats in North Hampton. They join Martin Tavitian, Nermina Peterson, and Tom von Jess. In Seabrook, Christina Keiser will fill the open seat and join Forrest Carter, Jessica Brown, Kelli Hueber, and Jennifer Hubbard. Jim Kime will continue on the South Hampton Board. Leslie Lafond won the at-large seat for Winnacunnet. Patricia O'Keefe will fill the Seabrook seat and Nicle Cico will fill the Hampton Seat. They join Henry Marsh who serves for North Hampton and Tony Delano who serves for Hampton Falls on the Winnacunnet Board. Thank you for your willingness to serve and support our school districts.

All boards, including the joint board, will reorganize this month to identify new board chairs, vice-chairs, and committee representatives to serve for the year. Thank you to all of the board chairs and board members for an incredible service this past year that was like none other. In particular, we would like to thank Jim Kime, 2020-2021 Joint Board Chair for his service, leadership, and dedication to all of our efforts during the pandemic.

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

School Spotlight: March 9th Equity & Social Emotional Learning

On March 9th, we carried out our first full day SAU-wide professional development of the school year. Appropriately, the morning session featured a broad discussion on equity within our SAU. The discussion was facilitated by Allyson Ryder, a program manager for the UNH Office of Community, Equity and Diversity; and Dr. Dottie Morris, the Associate Vice President for Institutional Diversity and Equity at Keene State College. The conversation was rich, and covered topics such as leadership, curriculum, student representation, professional development, and policy as they relate to the success of all students. As the morning progressed, we were able to break out into smaller groups to reflect on our classroom and school practices.

The afternoon session focused on relationships, connections, and Social Emotional Learning. Joel Katte and our very own Raymond Pillsbury (WHS) served as speakers, and both addressed the broad theme of care for our students, for our peers, and also for ourselves. This was a timely topic as many of our students are in the process of re-engaging with in-person learning, and we anticipate countless needs and opportunities to connect with one another in the coming weeks. As a result of both sessions, it's our hope that teachers and staff left feeling re-energized and focused on their work with our students.

- 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!**

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](https://www.sau21.org) for Zoom links or location information.

March 2021

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| 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)
2021-03-29 (Mon)

SAU21 Joint Board Meeting — 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
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

Schedule change for next week only:

Meal pick up and delivery will be Monday (3/15), Tuesday (3/16), and Friday (3/19) due to no school on Wednesday, 3/17.

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.