



DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Empowering all Learners

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Dear Dover School District Parents and Guardians:

Today at 1:00 p.m., Governor Chris Sununu and Commissioner of Education Frank Edelblut addressed the New Hampshire public pertaining to the status of public education during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor has designated the week of March 16 for planning of remote learning with the goal to start remote learning on Monday, March 23. Governor Sununu has mandated that schools remain closed through April 3, and Dover schools will comply. Reassessment by the Governor will occur to determine if an extension is needed.

From yesterday's Dover School District communication, we had indicated that schools would be closed starting Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27. Administrators, teachers, and staff would be working on further development of Dover School's remote learning plan. With the Governor's order, the following modifications have been made to the District's planning:

1. With the additional planning granted by the state, teachers will continue to plan for remote learning until Thursday, March 19. The District will release learning plans on Friday, March 20. Additional communication will be provided to families on how the plans will be distributed. The District is planning on different means to provide remote learning based on grade level and age.
2. Food services will be provided to all students. A grant has been received to make this possible with the current plan to provide breakfast and lunch. Planning is still underway, but the first day of distribution is scheduled for Thursday, March 19. Additional communication will be provided as the distribution date approaches.
3. Students requiring medication may need to pick up their medications from their school. The dates and times for the retrieval of medication will be communicated.
4. Students who may have left equipment, supplies, instruments and other items at school will be informed as to when these items may be retrieved.

The Leadership Team met today to align the District's plan with the Governor's order. As you are aware, the response to COVID-19 pandemic is fluid and requires flexibility by all parties involved.

The Dover Schools are closed at least until April 3, 2020. As indicated earlier, the State will reassess what needs to occur moving forward. The District will keep you informed and provide the resources you need as we all continue to find ways to adjust to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your understanding, support, and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent of Schools