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SAU #58 Families of Groveton, Stark and Stratford:

Please accept this communication as an informational update regarding COVID-19, otherwise known as the Coronavirus. School and SAU officials are closely monitoring a variety of trusted news sources to stay current with interim guidance and breaking news. Additionally, the SAU is in communication with government and public health agencies. We are closely following expert advice and recommendations. The safety, security, and well-being of the Northumberland, Stark and Stratford communities is our top priority.

As it stands, the best information we have reports there are currently **NO CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED cases of COVID-19 in New Hampshire**. However, we continue to be diligent and proactive in our preparatory efforts. Our facilities and maintenance teams are working hard to ensure our buildings are clean and safe. Crews are disinfecting classrooms, bathrooms, and common areas on a regular basis. Our nurses are receiving and sharing updates from organizations throughout the State of New Hampshire. Administrators and teachers are connecting with the Department of Education and extended networks to discuss and implement best practices. Each school also has an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). These plans contain a wide array of contingencies and response plans for pandemics and related scenarios.

The following link - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> - leads to the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) site. This website is periodically updated by US Health Officials and provides current information for public consumption. A more "local" link - <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm> - launches the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) COVID-19 site. Both sites provide invaluable advice and information. Of particular note on the DHHS site are the steps individuals can take to reduce their risk of getting sick. These include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces
- Stay home from work or school if you have a fever or are not feeling well

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As we become aware of any students and/or families who have journeyed abroad to any countries under a COVID-19 travel advisory, we will take every precautionary step prior to allowing readmittance to school. Please note, regardless of whether you have traveled recently or not, it is important to stay attuned to your family's health. As part of good health practice, you should not have a fever, diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school or work. Please report any flu-like symptoms to your local schools. Any and all information is extraordinarily important. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your local nurse, building administration, or the SAU office.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronna Cadarette". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ronna" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Cadarette".

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