

Dear Sanborn Community,

Last night, many citizens attended the School Board meeting and shared their thoughts on our reopening plans. After a long deliberation, the Sanborn School Board voted to have the school district begin in a phase of remote learning for the 2020-2021 school year. The pandemic situation will be reviewed and this decision will be revisited by October 15th.

The Board also voted to move the first day of school for students to Tuesday, September 8th, and at the recommendation of Governor Sununu, has added three professional development days to the teacher calendar. These additional days will be used by teachers, staff and administrators to plan for the most appropriate remote learning structure and strengthen the instructional experience to meet the diverse needs of our students.

As educators, we have had a great deal of time to reflect on the instructional experience our students had to end the 2019-2020 school year.

Last spring, Sanborn teachers did the best they could with very little notice and limited resources. Their efforts provide the basis for our work as a District to improve the remote learning experience for all students in the 2020-2021 school year. The changes we are currently exploring follow from the extensive survey feedback that we received from parents and students at the close of last year.

Based on the feedback we have received we are taking the following steps:

1. Administrators will review all feedback from surveys and other means and will be developing a robust enhanced remote learning plan during a multi-day meeting the week of August 10.
2. The plan will be shared with staff during the last two weeks of August when staff return to the building per their contract to participate in professional learning that will lead to the development of appropriate, enhanced instruction for all students in the remote format.
3. Schools will run their new remote learning plans for two weeks, and then will invite parents to provide feedback both at coffee hours in mid-September and mid-October, and through a survey.
4. Any adjustments to remote learning plans that need to be made along the way to improve the experience for all students will be implemented accordingly.

Federal CARES Act Grant funds were used to purchase technology for our students, so we have sufficient technology for our students and staff to use. We are confident that with the tools and resources we have obtained, and with the extra planning time in place, we will be able to provide a quality educational experience for our students.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work to improve our remote learning opportunities for students during the COVID19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Ambrose, Superintendent
Patricia M. Haynes, PhD, Director of Teaching and Learning
Jodi Gutterman, Director of Student Services
Matthew Angell, Business Administrator
Diana Rooney, Director of Human Resources
Grace Evans, Secondary Math Coordinator
Brian M. Stack, SRHS Principal
Matthew Malila, SRHS Assistant Principal
Steve Krzyzanowski, SRHS Assistant Principal
Robert Dawson, SRHS Assistant Principal
Heidi Leavitt, Director of Counseling
Christine Desrochers, SRMS Principal
Ryan McCluskey, Memorial Principal
Jill Lizier, Memorial Assistant Principal
Christopher Snyder, Bakie Principal
Lorin Caffelle, Bakie Assistant Principal