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Dean Cascadden posted in SAU67

Update 3/31

Dear SAU 67 Community,

Some clarifications and updates on Facilities, Board Meetings, Food Support, and where we are going long term :

"Stay at Home" order clarification:

I have had some further comments and input on how we can encourage physical distancing and still have outdoor recreation. First, the playgrounds should not be used. They are high contact structures, and could possibly be an issue with virus transmission. We will put signs up saying they are closed. We are still trying to keep other recreation facilities open to the community, but need to encourage appropriate distancing and other practices to help stop the spread of the virus. The grass fields are not open yet as they are still drying out. We will monitor them in the coming weeks and let people know when they are ready for use. Even light use on a wet field can cause issues. I should have checked with the groundskeepers before the last update!

Right now the tracks, the parking lots, the trails, the outdoor basketball area and the tennis courts are open for use by individuals and small groups that are already in contact with each

other. If people congregate in groups, or engage in games with physical contact, then we will have to make further decisions on closure. If you are already in contact with someone and want to use these facilities, we have not closed them... yet. We ask you not to use them with people you are not in regular contact with, and to observe physical distancing. Right now we are relying on voluntary cooperation to preserve access and to be safe.

School Board Meetings

The agenda for the Dunbarton School Board Meeting on 4/1 is found [here](#).

The Agenda for the Bow School Board Meeting on 4/2 is found [here](#).

The agendas describe how the meetings will be run remotely and have a provision for the public to listen in by phone. We will not have public comment during the meetings, but it can be submitted prior to the meetings to dcascadden@bownet.org

We are still working on a solution to the Bow Annual School District Meeting that has a placeholder date of April 10. More information will be coming on that.

I will also post the SAU Board Meeting Agenda for Monday 4/6 by Friday.

Long term remote instruction

Including this week, there are five more weeks until May 4, which is when remote instruction will be reconsidered at the state level. Reading other reports, the peak of the pandemic in NH is projected to be the last week of April or later. Like many decisions, we are hoping for the best and planning for the worst. It is possible that we will return to schools prior to the end of the year, but it is possible that we will not. This week the administration is moving planning towards longer term implementation. The pace that we have been going and some of the practices we have been doing at are not sustainable. Our k-8 staff took Monday to reflect on making some changes and they will be communicated by building principals. We are also looking at recommendations on amounts of work and how to differentiate for students. Some students need more time on core concepts or to catch up in work, and others need more challenge and extension. We will be meeting as an administrative team later this week to discuss challenges and possible changes, and we are grateful for the input we have received from staff, parents and students.

Later in April, we will send another survey out for more formative feedback. One of the decisions we still have to make is what to do about our scheduled Spring Break April 27-May 1. Some comments I am pondering:

- We will need a break by then and even if we are still distancing and not travelling, we will need to rejuvenate.
- We can't go anywhere so we might as well keep doing remote learning and get out earlier in June. We will be really sick of it by then, and ready to stop.
- We should take the break because if school is back in session we will want that week in June for events, sports and learning.

- We could take two long weekends and have school Tu-Th that week. That would give us three days of school and make the end of the year Friday June 12 instead of Wednesday June 17.

Food Resources:

The Bow Food Closet is taking appointments for food distribution on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

Residents of Bow, and Dunbarton residents that have children in the Bow School system may call the Bow Human Services Department at 603-223-3917 to schedule an appointment. The Human Services Director will conduct an in-take phone interview to gather family information and review the pick-up procedure.

The food closet is located at the Bow Community Center on Bow Center Road. The program will run on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

To receive non-perishable food items once every two weeks, residents will be required to provide proof of residency. We kindly ask that residents with food insecurities contact the Human Services Department.

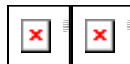
Stay safe, stay physically distant, but emotionally and socially close.

Dr. Cascadden
Superintendent SAU 67

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