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Dear Auburn, Candia and Hooksett Families;

As you know, the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to be rapidly evolving. We have spent the past few weeks monitoring the situation in New Hampshire, across the country and the world. I have been working closely with SAU 15 (Auburn, Candia and Hooksett) principals, School Boards, area school districts and the NH Department of Education to plan for what the CDC suggested may require a change from our daily routines. We have implemented measures to help prevent the spread of the virus, postponed some larger scale events, and engaged in contingency planning for the possibility of extended school closure should the situation in our state warrant such action.

I now believe that the time has come for our school community to make an important shift. Therefore, **all SAU 15 (Auburn, Candia and Hooksett) schools will be closed beginning Monday, March 16** for a minimum of two (2) weeks while I continue to monitor the situation and health department recommendations. This decision was made thoughtfully and with the support of the SAU 15 School Boards. Our current plan is to reopen schools on Monday, March 30, 2020. Any future decisions regarding school closure will continue to be based upon protecting the health and safety of our school community.

Our teachers have prepared materials to maintain continuity in teaching and learning for our students during the school closure. Expectations regarding school work while school is closed can be accessed on each school's website beginning Monday, March 16th. Additionally, schools will be open for a limited period of time on **Sunday, March 15th and Monday, March 16th** for families to pick up the necessary materials students will be using during this period. These time periods will vary from school to school. Principals will be communicating specific times for their respective schools.

The Food Service Directors from each school district have been in contact with local food pantries to support families who may need assistance. For more information please contact the building principal of your child's school.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this very trying time as we continue our efforts to keep our students, staff and community safe.

Sincerely,



William J. Rearick
Superintendent of Schools