



# Regional School Unit No. 18

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Students, Parents and Community,

This week we will wrap up our first month of school. Thank you to everyone who is helping our district be successful even in this difficult year. Our community should be very proud. I have heard from so many of you that without school being in session as we are that there would be an even bigger concern for the mental health of our students. We know how serious this, and we are happy to be here for everyone.

Parents, yes, some little things will go wrong. But please remember how hard the entire staff in our schools are working to support students. There is a lot of stress every day in our schools. We have to keep socially distant. We are all wearing masks most of the day. Some of the activities we usually are able to offer we just cannot do. Many of the teaching strategies that help us be successful are off limits because of safety requirements we have to meet. Yet with all of this, our dedicated staff is finding ways to not only make the basics work but still build key relationships with students. We are in this together.

Near the end of last week, I started getting questions about possible COVID cases in our schools. Not surprisingly rumors do happen. We have been in session now for over a month and so far, we have no positive cases of COVID-19 for staff and students. (Quick – everyone knock on wood) Kennebec County continues to have low numbers, and the precautions we are taking in our schools and in our community can only help, thank you all.

In the next few weeks we will be offering flu vaccination clinics for staff and students in our schools. You should have or will soon receive information from school on these. We hope to have many of our staff and students participate in the flu clinics. Unfortunately, we are not allowing parents to come into school with students for their vaccinations. Remote students may be brought to any of our schools on the day of their flu clinic, but parents will have to wait outside. I am sorry about this but based on the best recommendations I have this is the path we are taking.

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