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**An Important Notice Regarding School Closing in Response to Coronavirus- COVID-19**

**Dear Families,**

Governor Sununu has announced that all schools will be closed until at least April 3 due to COVID-19. The IHGMS teaching staff have been working hard to create a remote learning environment for our students so that their time away from school has a minimal adverse impact on their learning goals and academic achievement. Each of our teams have designed learning activities that align with our course competencies and standards. There are many online resources that our students use on a daily basis already. Students have logins and passwords for these resources. Teachers will be communicating directly with your children and will keep you informed as well. As always, your student's teachers contact information is available through your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account.

**Student Academic Expectations**

All students are expected to participate in the online lessons and activities that are being prepared by teachers and loaded into Google Classroom and other online resources. The learning activities are relevant to the students' current academic standards. There may be times where parents will need to provide some assistance for the completion of certain activities. Please feel free to reach out to teachers and support staff if you have any questions. Teacher availability is listed below. A quick reminder that parents have a responsibility to ensure their child/ren are engaged in their school work even though they are not at the physical school building.

**Staff Contact**

All staff and administration will be available daily by email 8:00 - 11:00 am & 11:30 - 2:30 pm. If you have any questions, concerns, or need to get in touch with any staff member, please email them directly. If there are messages that need to be shared out to our entire school community, administration will utilize our phone messaging system that we currently use for our Friday phone calls.

**IHGMS Learning Schedule**

It is important for our students that routines are in place for learning. Your child's teachers will be communicating their class plans but each grade level has set times that they may be live streaming with their students. The current schedule for live streaming is, if utilized by teachers is:

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| - 5th Grade - 9:00 - 10:00  | - 7th Grade - 11:30 - 12:30 |
| - 6th Grade - 10:00 - 11:00 | - 8th Grade - 12:30 - 1:30  |

Those students that currently participate and receive support from our Title I staff, Interventionists/Special Education teachers, and related service providers, will continue to receive support from the staff. This will look a little different since we are working with a remote learning model, but know that they are prepared to provide academic support as needed. They are also available daily if you need to email them with questions or concerns.

**Ongoing Communication**

Please know that the IHGMS staff are here to support our families as we transition into this remote learning experience. It is with collaboration and ongoing communication that we will be successful in this learning model. Please be patient and reach out with any questions you may have during this time. 603-895-3394 or [b.bickford@sau33.com](mailto:b.bickford@sau33.com)

Sincerely,

*Bob Bickford*

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