



## **GSAA COMMUNITY: COVID - 19 UPDATES**

This information is current as of Sunday afternoon, March 15, 2020. However, this situation is very fluid and ever-changing. Please keep tuned in to our website, and look for our emails, phone calls and texts with attached documents from GSAA.

In our previous communication, we informed the GSAA community that we will be closed until Monday, March 30, 2020. Based upon information from the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) received at noon today, that date will now be extended through and including Friday, April 3, 2020. Be aware that the ending date is not a hard and fast date. We will continue to monitor updates from the NH Department of Education (NHDOE) and Governor Sununu's office with regard to what we should be doing beyond that date. GSAA will not take any risks with its student body or its faculty and staff.

We are required during this time period and on all days that we will be closed, to follow "remote learning and remote support with accountability" for both our faculty and students. You can see those guidelines that we must follow on the NH Department of Education website. In those guidelines, responsibility for student learning is shared by both the school and parents (guardians). We will ask for your help, support and cooperation with that. According to NHDOE, next week is a planning week for remote learning for all schools. NHDOE has directed that remote learning must begin on Monday, March 23, 2020, for all schools and their students.

As such, our faculty will meet all day on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, to come up with a game plan that meets the NHDOE guidelines. We may need part of the day on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, as well. After we have finished our planning, we will give you via a detailed letter (attached to emails), containing the specific details of who, what, when, where and why of the remote learning plan and accountability requirements for both GSAA, students and their parents (guardians). We will also post this on our GSAA website.

At some point, students may need things that are being kept in school or in student lockers. We will make a game plan on that as well, and inform you of how we will implement it. All students and/or their families will need to be equipped with computers that can process word documents and can access the internet. If students do not have computers at home, or cannot get any access to one, GSAA will lend out our Chromebooks to students. We will also update you on how that will be done. We will do our best to answer phone calls from parents next Tuesday, but we would prefer that you send your questions via email for the time being.

We ask that no students or parents come to GSAA until we get back to you on a schedule. If you have any suggestions or recommendations regarding our planning next week, please feel free to email them to us. Please do not use Facebook.

Many thanks for your patience, support, and understanding during this complicated time period. Be aware that everything we do until and when we return to school on an everyday basis is done out of great caution for the safety and well being of our students, their families, the faculty and staff of GSAA, and their families.

Be safe and be well. ~ Anthony Polito, GSAA Head of School

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