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Summary: Emergency Order #89 May Impact KRSD Instructional Settings and Reopening Plan

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Dear Kearsarge Community,

On Friday, April 2, 2021, Governor Sununu released Emergency Order #89 requiring New Hampshire public schools "offer 'in-person' learning" five days per week to students in the community by April 19, 2021. Emergency Order #89 also required that, "schools shall retain the option to offer full-time distance learning or hybrid instruction."

Kearsarge has maintained the option for five days of in person learning to our community throughout the 2020-21 School Year. Throughout the course of the pandemic to date, the District has been able to offer students a variety of options to make this occur. These options included the use of satellite classrooms within schools to maintain appropriate social distancing requirements as defined in our reopening plan blended with our *At Home: Remote Learning* and *At School: Remote Learning* options. Importantly, we want to make clear to parents that all students currently opting for *At Home: Remote Learning* will be allowed to continue this option for the remainder of the 2020-21 School Year.

While the order was made, many of the components of Emergency Order #89 remain in question as the lack of specific guidance as to how to accommodate them. As such, the Department of Education is working to develop answers to the multitude of questions associated with how Districts may remain in compliance with both their local safety plans and the components of the Emergency Order. As these answers remain in development, the District remains in adherence with all aspects and safety requirements of the current Reopening Plan. Once the answers to the questions posed by school districts throughout New Hampshire are answered, we will be able to determine what, if any adjustments are necessary to accommodate the requirements of Emergency Order #89.

As the April 19, 2021 compliance deadline approaches, please know that we will continue to share with you all of the anticipated shifts in current practices and procedures associated with our Reopening Plan.

Respectfully,


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