



Superintendent Report - September, 2022 School is Back in Session!

SAU 7 Student Enrollment, September 1, 2022						
Grades	Colebrook	North Point CTE	Pittsburg	Stewartstown		Grand Totals
PK	10		1	1		12
K	18		9	2		29
1	21		5	6		32
2	20		4	7		31
3	25		4	7		36
4	21		6	5		32
5	22		4	8		34
6	25		6	3		34
7	18		6	10		34
8	17		5	4		26
9	38		10			48
10	33	18	13			64
11	23	10	5			38
12	24	10	8			42
Charter/Alternative	5					
Total	320	38	86	53		497

Enrollment Report

Overall, our enrollment is on the rise compared to last year. New students include new preschool and kindergarteners, families new to the area and homeschooled students returning to school this fall following COVID. We often see additional new students register after Labor Day, and we will update enrollment information in my report next month.



Full Staff Meeting on August 25

Our staff met in the Colebrook Gym on Thursday, August 25. The 75 minute presentation focused on welcoming new staff, commendations for employee years of service, well wishes to all, healing, Strategic Plan - SAU 7, and wellness. In addition we discussed our plans including: Health and Safety Updates; Special Education Requirements; Curriculum Instruction and Assessment; Technology Tools and Cyber Security. The presentation slides are attached to this report. Staff enjoyed a luncheon together that was catered by Wicked Eats. After lunch all staff returned to their schools for wellness activities and to work in their classrooms. Our best to everyone as we welcome our students back to school.

New Teacher Meeting on August 24

This fall we welcome nine new teachers and six new paraprofessionals to our schools. Several of them have graduated from one of our area high schools! This year we're continuing our new teacher mentor program designed to support our new teachers. Welcome everyone.

COVID 19

Based on guidance from the NH Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control, we have updated our guidance for staff and families concerning COVID - 19. The chart below summarizes our 22-23 SAU 7 COVID 19 Procedures that go into effect at the start of this school year:

Updated CDC COVID 19 Prevention and Quarantine Guidance

Staff Requirements	Student Requirements
Universal Precautions	Universal Precautions
Optional masking	Optional masking
Exclusion and testing for symptoms	Exclusion and testing for symptoms



<p>Isolation for 5 days with positive result. Staff may return on day 6 with improvement of symptoms and lack of measurable fever for 24 hours without intervention masked. If able to produce 2-negative antigen based tests 24 hours apart, may cease masking.</p>	<p>Isolation for 5 days with positive result. Students may return on day 6 with improvement of symptoms and lack of measurable fever for 24 hours without intervention masked. If able to produce 2-negative antigen based tests 24 hours apart, may cease masking.</p>
<p>Masking recommended after known exposure (10 minutes or greater within 6 feet of an infected individual within 48 hours of symptom development or positive test in the absence of symptoms).</p>	<p>Masking recommended after known exposure (10 minutes or greater within 6 feet of an infected individual within 48 hours of symptom development or positive test in the absence of symptoms).</p>

For more information please visit the CDC website [Guidance for K-12 Schools](#).

If levels of community transmission increase and our schools are affected, you will be notified as soon as possible concerning any required changes in our flexible plan. We will monitor staff and student illness and transmission levels throughout the year. As of June 30, the additional COVID leave for school staff has expired. I will notify you if future conditions require that this policy be revisited for the 22-23 school year. Thank you for your support.

School District Grants

We continue to implement projects and purchase materials funded by ESSER II, III and other grants awarded to the school districts. Jenn Mathieu and Bridget Cross have been providing leadership in this area and we are pleased with their progress.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Our summer schedule was full of professional development opportunities to enhance teaching and learning. Our walkthrough program will help us to support our teachers as they implement our new curriculum, instruction and assessment initiatives. We are determined to maintain our focus on improved education for all! More to come as Principals present their school achievement plans this fall!



Building Aid Update

Our Leadership Team met with the architects on Thursdays to review various design options in preparation for the presentation at the next Building Committee Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, September 14 at 5:00 pm in the Colebrook School Library. Once the design has been completed. The Building Committee's recommendation will be brought to the next school board meeting on September 20. Once the building design has been finalized, we will prepare materials for communication with the community.

On September 7 the NH DOE Consultants from the Bureau of School Safety and Facility Management will tour Colebrook School as part of the assessment process to evaluate the building aid application. We will receive the results in January, 2023.

Included following my report is the NH DOE School Building Aid Process and timeline. DOE grants 80% of the State Building Aid award based upon published ranked list and final DOE approval and the final 20% upon completion. Payment contingent upon successful town vote, signed contract with contractor, and availability of building aid. School breaks ground after final approval. Therefore, we will not be required to bond the full cost of the project.

Colebrook Board/Staff Social on September 20

On September 20, we will invite new teachers and other interested staff to attend a Board/Staff Social from 6:00 to 6:30 pm. Punch and cookies will be provided. This will be an opportunity for informal conversation and a chance to express our appreciation to our school staff.

LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT YEAR!!!

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools