31 March 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

Governor Scott has closed schools to in-person instruction through the end of the 2019-2020 school year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. While we are disappointed that we will not be connecting in person and on campus, we will continue to work closely with you to provide the safest, best education for our students. Thank you for everything you are doing during these challenging times!

On March 18 our schools began our remote learning as part of our Maintenance of Education for our students. This current plan is intended to address maintaining learning which has happened this year as well helping students still feel connected to a sense of school community.

This phase will continue through April 13, as we work with the Agency of Education to transition to the Continuation of Learning Plan. The Continuity of Learning Plan will be a new phase of partnering with you to continue educating students remotely. It will continue through the end of the school year. Information will be shared with students and families as we receive planning guidance from the Vermont Agency of Education.

As always, the health, safety, and well-being of our students are our first priorities. Our educators will continue to refine our systems to support learners who had previously been receiving services while school was open.

We continue to receive ongoing guidance from the Vermont Agency of Education necessitating updates to families. Thank you for all you’ve done through these challenging times. We miss the students, and we recognize the struggle this has been and will be moving forward. We appreciate your partnership in this work, and we remain available to support you.

We have been and will continue to prepare bagged meals (breakfast and lunch) out of our production kitchens at the Alburgh, Grand Isle, and Folsom Schools, where our professional staff have and will continue to prepare meals in a safe and sanitary environment. The Alburgh Food Delivery Program has updated their food delivery schedule. At this time, breakfast and lunch for Mondays and Tuesdays are delivered on Mondays. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday breakfasts and lunches are delivered on Wednesdays. All other schools’ food delivery models will switch to this schedule beginning Monday, April 6, 2020. If you would like to be added to this program please contact:
Alburgh - Wendy Savage 796-3573 ext. 101
Grand Isle, Isle La Motte, or North Hero - Jo-Ann Tier 372-8866
South Hero - Arianna Middlemiss 372-6600  ext. 1115
Each Wednesday evening for the remainder of the year I’ve scheduled an opportunity to talk with community members who have questions, concerns, or just want to talk via a Superintendent/Community Google Hangout. The next Hangout is Wednesday, April 1, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The direct link is here (meet.google.com/rpe-awnz-tqp) for the video conference or by phone,(US)+1 641-854-0063 PIN: 373 694 578#. I hope you will consider joining me (There is capacity for up to 150 participants).

Once again I have to share how proud I am of our faculty, staff, students, and community. It is amazing how much has happened in such a short period of time! We appreciate your flexibility. We will get through this together. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out anytime.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Clark
Grand Isle Supervisory Union
Superintendent