

# Saranac Central School District

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Good Afternoon,

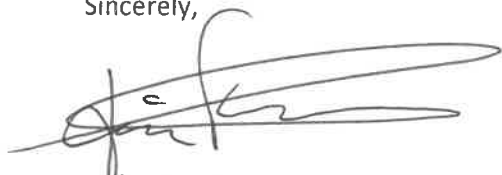
We have had a very successful week with over 800 students daily in our district. Currently we have only about 11% of families choosing to have their children on full remote instruction. We are very happy to have so many of our students in our buildings. Today as I traveled through the district, I was able to see some of our elementary students on remote instruction Zoom into their classroom. I was happy to see their faces. This process has worked thus far because of the cooperation of our families, and the extra effort from our faculty and staff.

November 6<sup>th</sup> will be the end of the first quarter. I had asked families to select the model of education they preferred for the first quarter and to stick to it if they chose remote instruction. I appreciate everyone's cooperation with this process. With the quarter coming to an end I ask that any families wanting to change their preferred model of education for their children call the main office of their child's building and notify them. I would also ask that if you choose to keep your child home for remote instruction that you commit to that decision for the next 10 weeks. If you are not making a change then there is no need to contact us.

The week of Thanksgiving will soon be before us. That week will run like it typically has in the past with a couple of exceptions. First, parent teacher conferences will be primarily through video conference. You will receive information about this process from your child's Principal in the coming weeks. The other change is that you will notice that the Tuesday of that week is listed as a class day on our school calendar. Typically, there is no instruction on that day. The reason for that is that we used an extra superintendent day at the beginning of the year to prepare. The plan will be that Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> will be remote instruction for all students. This instruction will be focused on social emotional care, the arts, and physical wellness. The different buildings will put information out about these days as we get closer to them.

Thank you again for your help and support through these difficult and interesting times. As always please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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