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To BES Parents and Guardians:

As you are aware, Barnstead Elementary School was already scheduled to be closed Monday and Tuesday of this week for staff professional development and planning related to the Remote Learning Plan that would be put into place should the need arise based on the corona virus situation.

We have just recently been informed that Alton Central School and Prospect Mountain High School will be closed for the next two weeks as a result of concerns related to the virus. Accordingly, the Barnstead School Board has voted unanimously to close school during that time period to align the Barnstead Elementary School schedule with those of ACS and PMHS.

The BES Schedule for the next two weeks will be as follows:

Monday March 16 and Tuesday March 17: BES teachers and staff will be at school involved in professional development and in planning and preparation of the lessons and activities for their students for the remote learning period beginning Wednesday. There will be no student learning responsibilities for those two days.

Wednesday March 18th we will begin implementation of the plan. For students in grades 4-8 we expect that the learning experiences will be primarily technology-based. For the lower grades instruction may look more like our "Blizzard Bag" approach but the instructional packets will cover a larger time frame.

We will be working on the logistics and will be updating you regularly moving forward. This message is just the first of many to keep you informed about how we will be addressing your child(ren)'s educational needs while also trying to keep our community healthy and safe. As with any educational change, we recognize that there will be logistical and other challenges over the next few days and weeks. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

More information will be forthcoming in the next few days.

Best regards,

Brian Cochrane

Superintendent

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