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Dear RSU 23 Community,

I hope this communication finds you all rested, healthy and well and I would like to thank the more than 300 parents who responded to our RSU 23 Parent and Family survey that went out last week. This survey information provides our team with invaluable parent insights and is currently being used alongside the Maine Department of Education's [Framework For Returning to Classroom Instruction \(Linked\)](#) to guide and inform our decision making to ensure a successful start to the 2020-21 school year. As we turn the page on July, there are some upcoming releases of information from both the DOE and RSU 23 regarding the latest return-to-school information that I want to make everyone aware of. Below, is a detailed list of this information for your review.

This Friday, the Maine Department of Education will release their color coded assessments of where each county stands in terms of the level of virus transmission. They will identify what parts of the state fall into the "Red", "Yellow", or "Green", categories. As you know, this information will guide local decisions regarding the educational plans associated with each "color" categorization and we have been hard at work creating educational plans that meet our Maine DOE and CDC guidelines.

On Friday, August 7th, you will be receiving a video and an accompanying slideshow detailing our comprehensive RSU 23 Return-To-School Plan. This plan will provide parents with the overarching guidelines, practices, and educational programming we plan to implement at RSU 23 for each Maine DOE color designation.

During the week of August 10th I will be holding virtual community forums for each school. The Jameson forum will be Monday, August 10th at 6 PM, Loranger will be held Wednesday, August 12th at 6 PM, and OOBHS will be Thursday, August 13th at 6 PM. I will send you all a link for the meetings on Friday, August 7th with the video and slideshow. At these meetings you will have the chance to ask any follow up questions and express any concerns after viewing the video and slideshow.

I wanted you to have this information in advance so you know when to expect communications and can prepare your questions. Lastly, I again want to thank everyone for taking part in our parent survey. The response was amazing and very helpful to us. I will be sharing results of the survey as I present the video and slideshow. Thanks for reading everyone and you'll see me on the 7th!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Suttie".

John Suttie, RSU 23 Superintendent of Schools