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Dear NSD Families,

Congratulations on your first week of at-home learning! You are all navigating the lessons, the devices, the peaks and valleys of learning with the pace and practice of doing this all from where you live. It is an adjustment but please know we are doing this together. Our challenge is to maintain inclusivity and cohesiveness during school closure to make the most of teaching from a distance, to keep your children learning.

With the first week behind us, I need to catch up with you on these important details:

Teaching, learning, and assessing: Teaching and learning continues and we are all doing our best to keep moving forward, with grit and best effort. You are doing a great job under the circumstances. Grades, as always, are a part of learning, and your child will be assessed on his or her lessons during school closure. Please be sure to keep in touch with your children's teachers if you have questions about completing class assignments.

Absences: Attendance is important. As always, a parent should contact the teacher or principal if the child is ill that day and not able to complete school work. Students who do not participate and engage in remote instruction will be marked with an unexcused absence. I have included [a list of principals and assistant principals](#) with contact information to help with reaching out about absences.

Breakfasts and Lunches: Ten of our schools are distributing breakfasts and lunches curbside. In addition, City busses, Big Blues, will be delivering to more remote locations in the City. Please help us spread the word to your friends and neighbors. We suggest checking in to Nashua.edu for the latest schedule of distribution dates and sites because additional sites are being considered.

Every day: Reading and physical activity mixed with free writing is strongly recommended. Keep in mind a board game, card games, Legos, playdough or walking, running, and playing games outside will go a long way to keeping the mind and body healthy. Keeping some type of routine schedule each day, from regular wake-up and bed times to scheduled lunches, will help balance the day with dedicated time for school lessons.

With Governor Sununu extending learning at-home to Monday, May 4, it is important to keep the lines of communication reliably accessible. More than ever, the home and school partnership is vital to the viability of your children learning remotely. We want to do all we can to support you and support our teachers who together will make learning these next few weeks as meaningful as possible.

Keep the faith, take care and be well, and look after yourselves and each other these next few weeks.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools