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Dear NSD Families and Colleagues,

Governor Sununu has ordered Nashua High School South to serve as a temporary hospital for the expected surge in patients suffering from COVID-19. He also has ordered the New Hampshire National Guard to help set up the facility immediately, starting today.

We are compelled to help in any way we can. As of yesterday, the New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services reported 101 confirmed individuals with COVID-19, with 19 confirmed cases in Hillsborough County. Of the 101 cases statewide, 56% of individuals report domestic or international travel prior to symptom onset, 14% are identified close contacts to COVID-19 cases, and 24% have no clear risk factors, indicating community-based transmission. Eleven people (11%) have been hospitalized, and one individual has died who was over the age of 60 years and had multiple underlying chronic health conditions.

Expediency is imperative, and we are doing all we can to support our families, friends, and neighbors during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The athletic wing of Nashua High School South will serve as the hospital hub, similar to other occasions when South has been used as an emergency shelter. The duration of service is undetermined. Just like all healthcare facilities, Nashua High School South will be restricted to all visitors and, consequently, its teachers and staff.

In the meantime, I encourage you to continue to stay at home. Please take care of yourselves and of each other as our healthcare workers strive to take care of us all.

Thank you, and be well.

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