



## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #48

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### Press Release from Superintendent Kyla Welch

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2:45pm

We just learned that two members of the student body at Waterville Valley Elementary School tested positive for COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution Waterville Valley Elementary School will pivot to remote learning for Monday, September 27th, Tuesday, September 29th and Wednesday, September 30th. Should we receive guidance from NH DHHS that we need to close the school for a longer period of time we most certainly will do so. The closure will allow time for deep cleaning to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

We are actively working with and following guidelines from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). NH DHHS has requested we provide contact information for anyone who has been identified as having had close contact (within 6 feet for longer than 10 minutes) with the infected person. NH DHHS will contact these individuals or their parent/guardian and will instruct them how to self-quarantine at home. Those families and staff will be directed to get tested and keep themselves or their children quarantine until 14 days following their last possible exposure.

If you or your child are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, such as a fever, chills, respiratory illness, aches or change in taste and smell, please stay home and away from others and get a COVID-19 test.

Please note that if you or your child are currently quarantined, you must complete quarantine, even if your test is negative. This is because the maximum amount of time from being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 and testing positive is 14 days.

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. To ensure the safety of our entire community we will follow the CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting.

At this point in time, all other schools within SAU48 are not impacted and will remain open.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.