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“Public Schools not only serve the public, they make the public.”

TO: RSU 9 Parents & Guardians
FROM: Christian M. Elkington, Superintendent
RE: School Health & Safety Update 9-6-2021
DATE: 9-6-2021

This past week RSU 9 took our final planning steps to reopen our schools based on the latest science and medical information available along with experiences and examples from schools around our state. We did this knowing you, our parents, just like our students and staff want us to be as prepared as possible.

Unfortunately, because of the continued COVID-19 pandemic, we (schools, parents, staff) don't have all the information and answers as we had when we started school in the years before the pandemic. This is our reality in RSU 9, Franklin County, Maine and throughout the US. September 6th is not like any other and because of this, sadly, some are getting frustrated that answers are not as clear as they would like and would hope for and that RSU 9 like other districts are needing to adjust opening plans to meet the reality we find ourselves in.

Please know that last week the RSU 9 Health & Safety Team met twice to review our final plans and completed our final update of the RSU 9 Reopening Plan and that this weekend we finalized a [COVID-19 Health & Safety “short version”](#) for parents and guardians.

Please keep an eye out for future Power Announcements, emails, [RSU 9 District Facebook](#) posts, and [RSU 9 District Website](#) updates from both me and your school's principal both today and in the days and weeks ahead.

Thanks for listening!