



TOWN OF RAYMOND

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Evaluating the Demand for a Recreation Department Led Remote Learning Center

Dear Raymond,

The Town, SAU and Community Leaders have partnered together to determine the need and feasibility of establishing **Remote Learning Centers** for community children during SAU Remote Learning Days.

This program would be an extension of the **Town's Recreation Program** and would provide a safe, supervised location for identified children to participate in remote learning.

The program's primary goals are threefold:

- 1) **A Public Safety Initiative:** To help mitigate safety risk to community children due to lack of adequate supervision during Remote Learning Days.
- 2) **Extension of Community Social Service Efforts:** To facilitate the delivery of SAU food services to community children who are food insecure during Remote Learning Days.
- 3) **Community-Based Economic Stimulus Initiative:** A grass roots effort to help mitigate family financial impacts due to loss of employment or reduced income levels associated with remote learning.

The program's secondary goals are to:

- 1) **Support Community Educational Efforts:** Help facilitate the success of SAU Remote Learning, through a safe, connected and supported learning environment.
- 2) **Employment for Impacted Families:** Provide economic opportunities to families who have already had reduced income or loss of employment through job opportunities as a **Remote Learning Center Counselor**.

Due to potential compacity constraints; if this program were to go into effect, participation would be provided on priority basis focused on the following criteria:

- 1) Children age 10 and below who are without supervision during the scheduled remote school day

- 2) Families who must give up an income to ensure supervision for children age 10 and below
- 3) Student's identified by the SAU as priority candidates (via a notification to the parents or guardian); criteria for SAU priority status will be based on the following criteria:
 - a. Children enrolled in the Free or Reduced Lunch Program.
 - b. Children needing additional support for remote learning.
 - c. Circumstances where the scholastic performance of an older sibling is impacted because they are providing supervision for younger siblings during Remote Learning Days.
- 4) Children of Remote Learning Center Counselors.

Please Note: The SAU will not share any confidential student information to the Town of Raymond or any outside party. Parents or guardians will be notified by the SAU of their qualification under these provisions and can decide to contact the Town of Raymond for prioritized enrollment into the program.

How Can You Help? Right now, this program is in the early stages to determine community need for such a program and the potential availability of community members willing to be paid counselors. You can help the Town, SAU and our community leaders who are working to create this first of its kind program by providing us some insight:

- 1) Does your family have a need for such a program?
- 2) If so; how many children below the ages of 10 would you need enrolled?
- 3) Would you be willing to be considered for a paid remote learning counselor position?
- 4) Are there any additional criteria or need that went unaddressed above?

Please provide your information to the Raymond Recreation Department by calling 603-895-7031 or e-mailing recreation@raymondnh.gov

Once we have the information regarding the community need and potential staffing, we will then evaluate capacity needs and the feasibility of safely implementing such a program under current State and Federal regulations and guidance.

Thank you very much for your time,

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