

To: Eric Waddell, Superintendent
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RE: Quarterly Report

Challenges with Remote Learning

Moving to remote learning looked different for everyone and indeed for the Counseling Department. With this move, it forced us to look at our practices differently and how to respond and meet student needs, and as they arose. To meet some of these unique needs, we participated in the DOE's webinar's and the National and State School Counselors Association to develop protocols and maintained professional and legal responsibilities. Additionally, we were able to modify our practices to fit with remote learning such as lunch groups, small group and individual counseling, college and career counseling, school transitions, and scheduling, to name a few.

Adjusting to Meet the Needs of Students in the Future:

While face to face is the preferred way of interacting with students, staff, and parents, it is difficult to know what the Fall will look like. However, we will be building our skills over the summer in a variety of ways to continue delivering a high-quality, comprehensive school counseling program to Kittery students. We will stay engaged with students, families, and staff and work to build programming around needs as they arise to support the learning, social/emotional, and post-high school planning and support a welcoming and inclusive environment for all our students.