

**RSU #16 School Board
Administrative Report
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Staff

- Teacher Logan Landry was selected to travel to Washington, DC and participate in the JumpStart program.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

- In the November 22nd family newsletter, we shared our potential schedule if we ever need to move to a full-remote scenario. We are very hopeful that we will never find ourselves in that situation.
- The second trimester has begun. Students received report cards on Friday, December 3rd. Students' Unified Arts classes rotated, and we rotated the full schedule to give students the opportunity to attend classes at a different time during the day. For example, some students have had math last block all year. That may not be the ideal time for a particular student to learn. Math for that student will now move to an earlier time in the day. We will rotate again at the end of the second trimester.
- Grade 8 Wellness students will begin a unit called "Best Practices in STD/HIV and Pregnancy Prevention" with the main emphasis on **abstinence**. This curriculum was co-authored by Maine Family Planning and the Maine Department of Education. Best Practices has been used in hundreds of health classes across Maine to teach teens about healthy sexuality. This unit contains a variety of teaching methods that give teens the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to make sexually responsible decisions.

Events

- We will hold our first band and chorus concert in two years on Wednesday, December 15th. We are all very excited for the performance.
- Basketball season is underway. We have about fifty students participating on the four teams.
- On November 17, we held our first Standards Recovery session for students who were behind for a number of different reasons. We kept about 50 students after school for two hours, and this provided opportunity for teachers to work with small groups of students for instruction and retaking assessments. We were very pleased with the productivity.
- We held our 10th Annual Tri-Town Family 5K on Sunday, November 7th. At least 193 people crossed the finish line. We had great support from the community, and many volunteers chipped in to help make the event a great success.
- The Student Council led an outstanding food drive. The items collected were passed along to local organizations supporting those in need in our community.

Facilities

- We have a leak in one of our older classrooms. The leak is coming from the heating system and will have to wait to be fixed until the heat can be turned off during break.