

**RSU #16 School Board  
Administrative Report  
Shawn Vincent  
Principal, Bruce M. Whittier Middle School  
September 6, 2022**

**Staff**

- Kudos to staff for stepping up and filling in during the first week of school, when six staff were out due to illness or other medical reasons. Five staff have returned. We are still seeking a 7th grade social studies teacher and a school counselor.

**Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**

- We received eighteen new registrations to start the school year and had six students withdrawn.
- School goals will focus on assessing, revising and preparing school curriculum for publishing and improving student attendance, especially in regards to chronic absenteeism. We will also craft a third goal as a school, likely regarding students' classroom behavior.
- Students were invited to participate in band and chorus. We plan to start each of these classes at the beginning of next week.
- Laptops were rolled out to students today. We are keeping the laptops at school for a week before allowing students to bring them home, so they can practice appropriate care. Students will have the opportunity to bring home laptops next week.

**Events**

- Open House was extremely well attended. The event was held on Monday, August.
- Don King is hosting a Parent/Coach/Player Meeting on the evening of Wednesday, September 7. He will talk to the families about expectations for middle school athletics. Registrations have been very high for soccer. Field hockey and cross country numbers are fairly low to start the season.
- Whittier Middle School is competing in a WinterKids contest with a number of schools and organizations throughout Maine to win grant money. The grant money would be used to purchase snowshoes. If you get an opportunity, please log into WinterKids and vote for Whittier.
- Students were encouraged to read at least one book over the summer. The library will host a party for all students who participated. Students can also enter their names in a raffle for each book they completed.