

June 16, 2022

Dear Staff, Communities and Families of RSU 16,

### **Budget Update**

On behalf of Regional School Unit 16, we would like to thank all the taxpayers of Minot, Mechanic Falls, and Poland for the incredible support of our 2022-2023 school budget, on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Your financial support of the school system is not only essential but is critically vital to the effective operation of the school district. Thank you again for supporting the students and staff of our school system.

### **Summer COVID Response**

The RSU 16 online reporting form will be shut down for the summer on June 17. *The school will not need to be notified of positive cases* unless the student attends summer school. If a summer school student has COVID, then the coordinator should be contacted. For student athletes that are enrolled in summer athletics, please report positive COVID-19 cases to Don King, athletic director, 998-5400.

The RSU 16 COVID Dashboard on our website will retire on June 17. This means RSU 16 will no longer post vaccination rates and cases. This aligns with the Maine Department of Education guidance.

### **Retirement**

On June 13, the School Board formally recognized our retirees! They are Louise Robinson, Carolyn Ames, Mike Carter, Jo-Ellen Carter, Karen Hill Brown. Thank you for your service and we wish you the best in retirement!

### **ESSA Data Dashboard**

Each year, RSU 16 must share with families, under the Title I statute, our dashboard distributed by the Maine Department of Education. To access the dashboard, go to <https://www.maine.gov/doe/dashboard>

### **Summer Communication**

Staff and Family Updates will be published on July 22 and August 12.

### **Summer School Transportation**

RSU 16 is providing centralized bus stops for students who will be attending 2022 summer instructional programs at Whittier Middle School and Poland Regional High School. If you have children attending summer school, check your inbox for further details. If you have questions, please contact Transportation Director, Fred Barlow at [fbarlow@rsu16.org](mailto:fbarlow@rsu16.org)

Have a GREAT summer break RSU 16! We will see you in August.

Ken and Amy