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RSU #38 Budget Update #3

Re: February 4, 2015 RSU #38 School Board Meeting

"Providing support for students in order to promote academic success"

Free and Reduced Percentages: This chart describes the percentages of free and reduced students, district-wide and by school since 2010.

First Draft, Version 1b Summary Budgets: This summary reflects the budget to date and includes the items below. The RSU #38 Administrative Team and School Board will continue to examine and change this budget throughout the budget process.

Summary of Reductions from Original Requests, 2/4/15: The summary describes the budget reductions that have been made to date from the Original Request Budget and are included in the Version 1b Summary.

Summary of Budget Increases, 2/4/15: This summary describes the increases for new requests over the FY15 budget that have been discussed to date and are included in the Version 1b Summary.

The February 4, 2015 RSU #38 School Board meeting focused on the following budget topics: technology, special education, English Language Learners (ELL), and Gifted and Talented (GT). Readfield third grade teacher, Abby Shink, and several of her students demonstrated the Promethean Board (an interactive whiteboard) in their classroom. Abby facilitated a lesson on text features, an element of third grade Common Core standards. The students also participated in a math-based interactive game on the Promethean Board that focused on computation and number concept. Promethean Boards can be used for whole class instruction as well as small group independent work. Teachers comment that they believe the boards promote and increase student engagement. There are currently two Promethean Boards at Readfield, the only elementary school in the district that currently has these boards. Diane MacGregor, Director of Technology in RSU #38 would like to begin increasing the number of boards in each of the elementary schools. Each board (including the projector and programming licenses) costs about \$4200.

RSU #38 program directors highlighted the following items from their FY16 budgets. These items are included in the First Draft, Version 1b Summary Budgets.

Technology: Technology Summary Budget, First Draft 2/4/15

- 12 hours additional tech support
- several more ipads at each of the elementary schools in an effort to increase the availability of technology to those schools
- switches and controllers at Mt. Vernon and Wayne (Manchester and Readfield received these last year)
- a security firewall at Manchester (we will install a firewall in one elementary school a year)
- 4 new LCD projectors at the high school to replace projectors that have worn out
- professional development for the PowerSchool program

Special Education: Special Education Summary Budget, First Draft 2/4/15

- no anticipated changes to staff
- increase in the legal fee line

ELL: ELL Summary Budget, First Draft 2/4/15

- reorganization of staff in order to provide certified ELL services to all ELL students
- elimination of .5 FTE (Full Time Employee) educational technician position
- .3 FTE increase for certified ELL teacher

Gifted and Talented: GT Summary Budget, First Draft 2/4/15

- reorganization of GT staff to provide English Language Arts acceleration for high school and middle school students
- .2 FTE increase

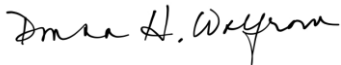
The next RSU #38 School Board Budget workshop will be held on **February 25, 2015** at 6:30 p.m. at Maranacook Community High School. Budget topics for this meeting will include Co and Extra Curricular, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, Miscellaneous Cost Centers (Adult Education, Food Service, Health, Professional Development/Curriculum, Systems Administration, and Debt Service.

The RSU #38 Administration Team and School Board will continue to examine the FY16 Budget and make changes in an effort of fiscal responsibility while we focus on

“Providing support for students in order to promote academic success”

We urge you to attend budget meetings in order to gain information throughout the budget development process.

Sincerely,



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