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Budget Update #1 - RSU #38 School Board Budget Meeting, January 3, 2018

At the January 3, 2018 RSU #38 School Board meeting, the Board discussed the identification of goals to consider throughout the budget development process. For the past 5 years the Board has identified goals and has used these goals as a lens for making decisions about what should be included in the budget. The Board reviewed past goals and expressed their appreciation of the goals for the FY18 Budget that focused on the achievement of all students and the fiscal responsibility that is so important when developing a budget. The Board decided to adopt the FY18 goal statement again, for use in the FY19 budget development process:

"Promoting student success in all areas, as we strive for academic excellence while maintaining fiscal responsibility."

The **schedule for the FY19 budget development meetings** is included in this update along with a description of the focus for each meeting. I urge you to attend these meetings in order to be better informed about the FY19 Budget. There will be a sign up sheet for citizens who want to ask questions about, or provide input to, the budget development process at every budget meeting. For those citizens that are unable to attend budget meetings, the meetings will again be videotaped and will be available on YouTube. A link to each meeting will be attached to each budget update.

If you are unable to attend the budget development meetings and have questions that arise as you watch the videos, there will be a link for posting questions on the RSU 38 Maranacook Area Schools Budget Documents page.

In keeping with efforts to be transparent in the budget development process, I will be posting a budget update after every budget meeting that includes a review of the meeting and the documents that were presented at each meeting. These will all be available on the district web site.

Sincerely,

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