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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THE BOARD MAY 2016

I submit my May report on behalf of the students and staff at these fantastic elementary schools. Our enrollment stands at 164 students at Holden and 121 at Eddington. I did want to share with the board that our PK is filled for the fall at 32 and we have a waiting list of 1. This is indeed the earliest we have been full and as in the past some may move before fall. We also have heard from a few local daycare providers that have openings so we can offer parents who are looking for those service providers for the fall. The weather seems to be getting back to normal temperatures and it's full steam ahead...

This month is busy and will only get busier as I review the events taking place before May is behind and June is upon us. I shall begin by saying once again what "outstanding" spring concerts we had at both schools. Performing before "standing room" only crowds the Holden concert was the first to go, and WOW!! WOW!!! WOW!! A few songs from the 2-4th grade chorus started the concert and then on to the grade levels "doing their thing." 2nd graders played the steel drums and boom whackers along with singing; third grade followed playing drums and flutophones as well as singing; and then grade four finished with "Drumming 101" and singing "Livin on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi. On Friday our Eddington concert took place with K & 1 students playing the keyboards & boom whackers and their singing was "second to none." I loved the combined grades singing "We Can Can be Healthy Kids" to end the concert. Kudos once again to Mrs. Jellison who brings out the best of the best in all our students during her concerts😊😊😊

May will be busy indeed with our students venturing out of the building and heading to several "educational" destinations like the Maine State Museum, Cole Land Transportation Museum, College of the Atlantic (Divers Ed), Emera Plantaterium, and Lamoine Beach just to name a few. The "Owl Guy" will make his annual visit to Kindergarten in mid May, and our fourth graders will be having their step-up day in early June. Our kindergartners anxiously await the "hatching of their baby chicks at the end of the month.

The PTG continues to support the students, faculty and staff at both elementary schools. The teachers were again thrilled to be spoiled (gained a few pounds) during "Teacher Appreciation Week" in early May. It started on Monday with make your own sundaes, lunched served on Wednesday and more "goodies" provided in between as well. The PTG truly is an important part of the Eddington & Holden School Community.

I truly feel blessed to be working with the best teachers in the world and can't begin to thank them enough for all they do for the children of Eddington, Clifton and Holden. I do feel honored to be a leader with the Best of The Best and it would take this principal more than a week to recognize them for what they do, but I will do my best, because indeed they are all worth it. I also look forward to joining Richard for lunch with our secretaries after school is out in recognition of "Administrative Assistant' Day. I/we could not survive without Mrs. Perry & Mrs. Goodrich each and every day.

The 2-4th grade students will be busy taking the NWEA's and all grade levels will be completing the end of year writing prompts, math tests and DRA's. We shall keep going until the end and flexibility may become the most used word over the next month and a half.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Spencer

Events:

May	13 th	PTG "Shooting Stars" Talent Show, 6:30pm
	18 th	Holden Community Read Aloud
	19 th	Eddington Community Read Aloud
	24 th	Holden "Spring Sing", 6:30pm
June	1 st	Step-Up Day Grade

Holbrook School
Principal's Report
5-13-16

Quality Instruction:

It's hard to believe but the trimester III progress reports have been sent home and returned already. The progress report gives students and families a snapshot of academic performance midway through the trimester. This report isn't part of a student's permanent record and allows plenty of time for academic improvement before the trimester's end in June. We continue to use the FamilyLink system that provides students and parents 24/7 access to individual gradebook data. Mr. Cummings and I have been working with our SIS and communication system to provide regular phone calls that will include current academic progress for each student on a biweekly basis starting in the 2016-17 school year.

The NWEA testing window is open and all Holbrook students will be taking the spring session in math, reading and language usage. The NWEA is the measure RSU 63 students have been taking every fall and spring for many years. The teaching and administrative staff use the NWEA test data to inform instruction and program needs annually. Students will still receive content area instruction every day with testing sessions being limited to no more than one hour per day.

This fall Susan Smith and I have been working to provide additional support to students who might need it over the summer months. We are hoping to provide math, reading and writing support to approximately fifteen struggling students three days per week for the month of July.

Positive Climate and Culture:

Mrs. Walters worked with a local group-processing specialist (Eric Taylor) to provide our seventh grade students with a day focused on positive culture. Students engaged in group activities and our staff will provide incentives when positive behavior actions are observed. We hope this will support the students that have a positive impact on our school's culture the overwhelming majority of the time.

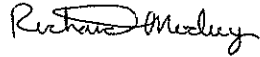
Spring athletics are underway. Baseball, Softball and Track and Field athletes have all participated in multiple practice sessions and game/meet experiences at this point.

Activity	Coach	# of participants
Baseball	Gene Worcester	18
Softball	Samatha Badore	14
Track and Field	Jen Carlson	60

On Friday, May 6th the eighth grade students enjoyed their spring dance, which was held at the Peaks Hill Lodge. Students from Holbrook, Dedham and the Airline enjoyed an evening of music, snacks and good company. It was terrific to see our students dressed up and interacting with students from Dedham.

The eighth grade promotion ceremony is scheduled for June the 6th at 7:00pm. Typically parents do a wonderful job decorating the gymnasium for this low key but respectful promotion ceremony. After the ceremony the eighth grade students will be transported to the Old Town YMCA for an activity night. This is a great way for the students to enjoy each other's company before moving on to their chosen high school.

Sincerely,



Richard Modery

Principal

Holbrook Middle School

TO: RSU 63 BOARD of DIRECTORS and SUPERINTENDENT SMITH
FROM: SUSAN SMITH, DIRECTOR of CURRICULUM and INSTRUCTION
RE: MONTHLY REPORT: GRANTS and SUMMER PROGRAMS
DATE: MAY 2016

Math Camp for Grades 1-5

On May 5th, we were notified that we received an additional Title 1A grant of \$14,542 for Math Camp. These funds will be used to provide summer math instruction (and some fun!) to students currently in Grades 1 through 5. The grant will pay for 1 coordinator, 4 teachers, supplies, snacks, and transportation. We are looking forward to expanding the Math Camp we have held the last few summers.

Math Camp will be held at the Holbrook School

- 4 weeks, 4 days per week (Monday through Thursday),
- Monday, July 11th – Thursday, August 4th,
- 4 hours per day for teachers (7:45 – 11:45), and
- 3 ½ hours per day for students (8:00 – 11:30).

Summer Springboard for Grades 6-8

The new Title 1A grant enables us to increase our summer opportunities to include an additional program for students currently in Grades 6-8. Summer Springboard can now be funded with Title VI – Rural Small Schools grant money we had set aside for summer programs.

The purpose of our new Summer Springboard program is to help students currently in Grades 6, 7, and 8 who are not yet meeting the grade level expectations in reading, writing, and/or math be successful next year by providing additional opportunities, time, instruction, and support this summer.

Summer Springboard will be held at the Holbrook School

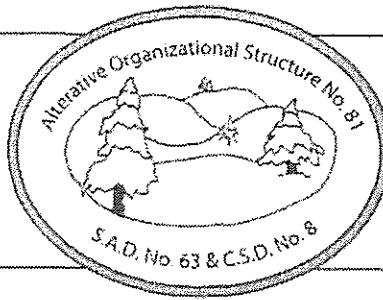
- 3 weeks, 3 days per week (Tuesday through Thursday),
- Tuesday, July 11th – Thursday, July 28th,
- 4 ¼ hours per day for teachers (7:45 – 12:00), and
- 3 ½ hours per day for students (8:00 – 11:30).

James Patterson Partnership Grant

This month I have been working with Mr. Spencer and teachers from the Eddington School to apply for a \$10,000 Patterson Partnership grant through Scholastic.com. This grant would enable us to buy books and furniture for the Eddington School Library, add outreach opportunities for families with young children (birth to 4 years), and support having older adults from our communities come and read with Kindergarten and Grade 1 students on a regular basis. We feel we have a strong application and are keeping our fingers crossed!

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT - May 2016

Currently there are 89, Kindergarten – eighth grade students who are on an IEP (Individual Education Plan). There are 15 students at Eddington, 22 students at Holden, and 52 students at Holbrook. We currently have 36 high school students that have an IEP. There are 4 students placed at the Bangor Regional Day Treatment Program. Total special education students in our district for students K – 12 is 129.

Next week, I will be administrating 3 CDS (Child Development Services) transition IEP meetings. These are 4 year olds who have special education services at the pre-school level. The current service providers and the upcoming Kindergarten services providers all attend this IEP meeting to learn about the needs of the new Kindergarten student coming into the district, and then the IEP is discussed and determined for appropriate services within the public school setting. We work hard to make sure these students have a good transition and appropriate services.

Woodcock-Johnson IV Test of Achievement - completed:

2012 - 2013 – 35 2013 - 2014 – 33 2014 - 2015 – 32 2015 – 2016 - 36

Cognitive evaluations completed:

2012 - 2013 – 29 plus 2 risk assessments
2013 - 2014 – 29 plus 2 risk assessments
2014 – 2015 – 26 plus 2 risk assessments
2015 – 2016 – 32 plus 1 risk assessment

Occupational Therapy evaluations completed:

2012 - 2013 – 12 2013 - 2014 – 13 2014 – 2015 – 6 2015 - 2016 - 5

Speech Language evaluations completed:

2012 - 2013 – 28 2013 - 2014 – 24 2014 – 2015 – 27 2015 – 2016 – 20

Special Education Initial Referrals:

2012 - 2013 – 18 referrals, 12 qualified and 6 did not qualify
2013 - 2014 – 16 referrals, 10 qualified and 6 did not qualify
2014 – 2015 – 25 referrals, 13 qualified and 8 did not qualify, 4 qualified for 504
2015 – 2016 - 22 referrals – Not yet tallied

Respectfully Submitted,
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TO: R.S.U. #63 Board of Directors
FROM: Jake Morgan, Transportation/Operations Director
DATE: May 13, 2016
RE: May Board Report

Maintenance

Eddington School: All is operating fine without many problems. Most of the time has been spent on yard work.

Holden School: We have had to remove the toilet and all the floor tile in the teachers' bathroom due to a leak around the toilet base. The custodian will be fixing the toilet, installing new tile and with everything removed from this small space he will also paint the walls. He is also working very hard to get the grounds looking good and lawns mowed and trimmed weekly.

Holbrook School: Most of the custodian's time has been spent on the ball fields. We had to have the sewer line replaced under the school due to a break in the line. We have had to fix the roof on one side of our old ball field storage building. The wind had torn a lot of shingles off. Fortunately, Mr. Modery had some metal so that we were able to cover one side.

Buses: The buses have been doing okay for the past few weeks. We only have two out of service. One bus we will not be fixing and the other bus will be done this summer. Unfortunately driver shortages are our main problem. This past week we lost one bus driver for the rest of the year and maybe for good due to medical reasons. End of year field trips and sports trips are keeping us very busy.

Transportation/Operations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2016
1:00 p.m. Holbrook School

Members Present: Dola Hinckley
Rusty Gagnon

Superintendent Ken Smith

Staff: Jake Morgan, Director of Transportation/Operations

The meeting began at 1:02 p.m. in the Library with a discussion of approved RSU 63 facility projects for FY 2016-17. The replacement of a uninvent for room 22, costing approximately \$6,300 will be done under contracted services. The Superintendent stated the PTF organization at Eddington School is planning to provide certain upgrades at Eddington School. Either Superintendent Smith or Principal Spencer will be contacting the organization to identify the projects the organization is planning.

Additional information is needed to complete the revised policy relating to drug and alcohol testing for certain personnel. It appears the district may be able to set the standard at .00 BAC (Breathalyzer Alcohol Content) using the federal standards. Superintendent Smith will be attending a legal seminar in Freeport later this month, during which he should be able to obtain more information. The revised policy is expected to go to the Board at its June 2016 meeting. Exploration of the cost of purchasing a breathalyzer for the district was discussed. This could reduce the cost of BAC testing by the new vendor and would require less time away from the job for those personnel selected for testing.

The Superintendent Smith provided an update on the Transfinder system being installed within the district and upcoming meetings he and Jake Morgan will be having with school transportation Directors in other school districts already using the system. Acknowledgement was given to the assistance George Cummings is providing Jake with loading and using elements of the system as it comes online.

Jake has provided a draft roofing bid to the Superintendent for review. Advertisements for bids and personnel applicants in the past have generated little response, even though costing \$100 (each). There are currently two vacant bus driver positions and Jake is covering one of the routes without a current driver. In the future, we will post bid and position vacancies on various Face Book sites in the hope of attracting more coverage. Face Book postings are free. Some of the reasons for few driver applicants appears to be the seasonal aspect of employment. Because RSU 63 provides health insurance for drivers, we appear to attract some applicants. Even though Cyr and First Student transportation companies are also experiencing difficulty in attracting drivers, they do not provide health insurance – but they do provide unemployment insurance, which RSU 63 does not.

Before the committee can set a date for a June meeting, the date for the Board's June meeting needs to be set. This will impact the due date of the roofing bids.

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 pm.

Rusty Gagnon
Acting Chair