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TO: SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
FROM: ERIC WADDELL  
DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 2019  
RE: **REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2019 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Good Friday to you all! We just met a few days ago for our February 5th meeting, and we'll be together again in just a few days for our second February meeting (moved up from February 19th due to Maine's February vacation). I'm looking forward to seeing you in the Central Office Conference Room at 6:00 PM. Allow me to walk you through our agenda:

- My Report looks lengthy, but much of it is FYI only. I did want to point out that Mrs. Cosloy has added a new feature to her existing 'Faces In the Crowd' biographies highlighting Traip Academy students. Her new feature, '**Where Are They Now?**' will highlight a Traip Academy graduate. Mrs. Cosloy's first subject is Mr. Marion Pawlek (TA '68). I know you will enjoy it.
- I've included a copy of the article from **Ed Week** that Chairwoman Dow mentioned at our last meeting. This is a great article about traditional classroom grading and why the practices associated with it are flawed. I think you will appreciate it, particularly since the more progressive grading practices that the article espouses are part of our PBL deployment in the District.
- The **Quarterly Reports** from our District departments and programs are included in your materials. I think this is a great way for you to stay up-to-date with what is happening in the District. Remember, these reports are archived on our District website under the 'Superintendent's Report' tab at the top of the homepage:  
<http://www.kitteryschools.com/superintendent-s-reports>
- You'll see a variety of **new appointments** for the spring and summer (yup...summer!). I'll review those with you during my report.
- Under 'New Business' you will take action to **re-appoint the leadership team**. This is required by law, and it must be done prior to March 1st.
- Also under 'New Business' you will take action to **accept a sizable donation** from a Kittery parent group that has been working with Mr. Roberge to introduce interscholastic baseball and softball at Shapleigh School. Adding new programs (especially this year) is difficult with our budget constraints, and this group of parents and community members understands this. We have agreed to build a middle level baseball/softball interscholastic program if the parent/community group funds it for year one and two. With that, it will be absorbed by our operational budget in the FY21 budget. I hope you'll agree that this grassroots effort to expand our middle level interscholastic offerings is

something to encourage. Mr. Roberge has worked hard with the leadership, and they have met their financial target for the upcoming spring season.

- The **2019-20 School Calendar** is ready for your consideration. I will discuss it in detail with you at the meeting. It reflects many hours of work, coordination, and planning with various groups (SRTC, KEA, Leadership Team).
- You will have an Executive Session to continue the **Superintendent's Evaluation**. I don't believe you will take action on the Executive Session, but Chairwoman Dow will clarify that at the start of the meeting.
- Regarding the **FY20 Budget**, I am waiting with bated breath for the Ed 279 which is supposed to arrive on February 15th. I'll be at a York County Superintendent's meeting that morning with Commissioner Makin, so if the ED 279s are not released by then, she may hear about it at our meeting. Once we know what our EPS funding is from the State of Maine, we can move forward with preparing four options for you:
  - **Option 1** is what we presented at the February 5th workshop with more specificity.
  - **Option 2** will reflect a dramatic increase or decrease in our EPS funding.
  - **Option 3** will be Option 1 with a dramatically lower increase to our FY20 health & dental insurance rates (lower than the 8% that we are planning for).
  - **Option 4** will be Option 2 with a dramatically lower increase to our FY20 health & dental insurance rates (lower than the 8% that we are planning for).

The **Finance, Facilities, & Safety Committee** will meet on 2/25/19 at 5:30 PM for their second Budget Workshop. I will share the ED 279 with them and glean any input they may have in preparation for the **Leadership Team's 4th Budget Workshop** slated for Tuesday, February 26th, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

**Here are some important dates for your calendar:**

- February 11 ~ Dropout Prevention Committee Meeting 2:15 PM Traip Academy
- February 12 ~ STEM Day at Shapleigh School
- February 12 ~ School Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Central Office Conf. Room
- February 13 ~ Policy Committee Meeting 4:30 PM Central Office Conf. Room
- February 13 ~ Exploring Later School Start Times Meeting 6:00 PM Traip Academy Lib.
- February 15 ~ YCSA Meeting with Commissioner Making 8:30 AM SRTC
- February 15 ~ SRTC Advisory Board Meeting 11:00 AM
- February 19 ~ KAFA Pot Luck Dinner KCC 6:00 PM
- February 25 ~ Finance Committee Budget Workshop 5:30 PM
- March 1 & 2 ~ Shrek the Musical at Shapleigh School
- March 2 ~ Fundraising Event for Alex Thayer, Portsmouth Harbor Events & Conference Center, 6:00 PM

- March 25 ~ School Committee workshop with Legislative Delegation 5:00 PM