

TO: SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FROM: ERIC WADDELL 
DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
RE: **REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thank you all for your kindness, patience, and understanding over the past several weeks. My dad's passing on August 19th was not a surprise, but it was nonetheless a challenging time for me and my family. As you may know, my dad was my high school principal; he later served as a superintendent of schools in Northern Maine for eight years and then a business manager for another eight years. I have learned a lot from him during my 30 years in education, and although these past six years were very difficult for my dad, I continued to learn from him until his final breath. Even then, I continue to learn from his wonderful example and legacy. He would be the first to say, "OK. Let's move on. We have work to do!"

In light of the fact that you are receiving this report just hours before the September 3rd meeting, I am going to make it a brief one. I will get back to my eye-catching bi-weekly reports for the September 17th meeting! In the meantime, allow me to share some background information to help you better understand the business that you will address at this meeting.

- At your request, I have invited Ms. Woodside and representatives from the District's **PE/PG Steering Committee** to visit with us today to share updates and changes to our 2019-20 PE/PG evaluation tool. I thank Marilyn along with Alli Gamache, Michelle Perry, and JJ Dufort for giving us their time and expertise tonight.
- Under **Unfinished Business**, I am presenting you with a revision to *FY20 Ordinance Approving Additional Local Funds for FY20* (additional beyond the very low bar set by the EPS formula). You did this twice already, believe it or not. You approved one on April 2nd, and then shortly after, the 2019-20 health insurance rate increase of 0% came in. After the Finance Committee worked on it, I made a revised recommendation at the April 23rd School Committee Meeting. Unfortunately, the April 23rd Ordinance did not reflect the health insurance rate savings, so third time's a charm! This Ordinance, I promise, is correct. With your adoption of this Ordinance, Mrs. Amaral can take it to the Town Council for approval, and then Mrs. Harkin can successfully enter it into NEO.
- I am excited to share my annual presentation of **New District Employees for 2019-20**.
- Congratulations to Wendy Collins and her award-winning **School Nutrition team** for earning a **Gold Award** at all three kitchens for their ongoing commitment to creating healthful cafeterias.

- I have Lots of appointments to announce. We have only three remaining vacancies--three cafeteria monitors (1 at MPS and 2 at Shapleigh School). I'll announce those appointments at the September 17th meeting.
- Under **New Business**, there are several appointment nominations that require School Committee action. There are also a couple small grant awards for your consideration.
- Since we postponed the annual **School Committee/Leadership Team Retreat** (August 19 & 21...thank you), I wanted to discuss options for rescheduling. Perhaps we can do it all in one evening. I have a few options for which Katie Thomson (Great Schools Partnership Coach) is available.

For your calendars:

- Sept. 9 ~ Policy Committee Meeting in the Central Office Conf. Room 4:30 PM
 Sept. 16 ~ Facilities, Finance, & Safety Committee Mtg. 4:00 PM Central Office Conf Rm.
 Sept. 17 ~ School Committee Meeting, Council Chambers 6:00 PM
 Sept. 18 ~ Traip Academy Fall Open House 6:00 PM
 Sept. 19 ~ Mitchell Primary School Fall Open House 5:30 PM
 Sept. 22 ~ PTA Seaside 4-Miler, Fort Foster Park 8:30 AM
 Sept. 23 ~ District Wellness Committee Meeting, MPS 3:00 PM
 Sept. 24 ~ Kittery Advocates For All Meeting KCC 6:00 PM
 Sept. 26 ~ Shapleigh School Fall Open House 6:00 PM
 Oct. 1 ~ School Committee Meeting, Council Chambers 6:00 PM
 Oct. 2 ~ Candidates' Forum (Town Council & School Committee) Council Chambers 6:00 PM
 Oct. 11 ~ Professional Dev. Day (No Classes)
 Oct. 14 ~ Indigenous Peoples' Day (No Classes)

