

MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: RSU 9 Parents
FROM: Christian M. Elkington, Superintendent
RE: Four Quick Updates!
DATE: 5-20-2023

More Budget Information – You should have received in the mail, or will receive by Monday, a new document entitled: *2023 – 2024 School Budget Articles Pamphlet*. This was created, based on feedback from attendees at last year’s District Budget Meeting, to help increase clarity about, and an understanding of, what is contained in each of the articles we are asking you to approve at the District Budget Meeting. We hope the detail presented for each and the more user-friendly language used achieves those goals and helps you better understand our proposed budget. Thanks for taking the time to read it.

Our District Budget Mtg. – Is this coming Tuesday night, 7:00 PM in the Bjorn Auditorium at the Mt. Blue Campus (MBC). Childcare will be provided in our Early Childhood Program at MBC, directions for drop-off available when you arrive. As you know from reading some of my previous memos, I believe the democratic process is the important pillar of our country! Demonstrating that it works makes our communities stronger and helps support our children’s long-term well-being. I urge parents and community members to attend our meeting as we need to hear every voice and model the democratic process. It is for you to decide but I believe strongly that this budget supports four very important objectives our budget was built on:

- **Objective 1:** Continue supporting student academic and student-family-community needs.
- **Objective 2:** Meeting negotiated wage and benefit increases and dealing with the overall effects of the current economy.
- **Objective 3:** Reduce recent dependency on Balance-Forward funds.
- **Objective 4:** New district Autism Program in special education.

A full auditorium gives us a better understanding of what you, our public, is willing to support and believes is important and essential for our students. Thanks in advance for attending!

Last Late Arrival Wednesday (LAW) – With the end of the year extended because of weather days our LAW Schedule must adjust. The last LAW of the year will be on 6-7-2023. We will not have a LAW on 6-14-2023.

Our last day of school for the 2022-2023 School Year – Will be Friday, June 16th. This will be a ½ day for all students and staff.

Thanks for taking the time to read the above during your busy weekend!

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