

RSU 9 District Newsletter



A Message from the Superintendent

~ Christian M. Elkington ~

The RSU 9 staff hope that you found plenty of opportunities to be with family and friends during the holiday break. Time involved in positive, face-to-face social endeavors is never wasted!

I am taking this opportunity with the first newsletter of 2025 to discuss the importance of family in the success of each student's schooling. Those of us working in public education as well as those of us raising young children, young adults, or trying to help our kids who are in their 20's and 30's are living every day with financial, social, and political concerns that add to the difficulties encountered in everyday life. We know that the complex concerns we are seeing in today's world can only be overcome through a "team" effort, part of which involves a strong, vibrant partnership between RSU 9 staff and families. We must stay focused on our efforts to work better together. Working together helps keep hope alive and fosters the development of potential solutions. The more we commit to the belief that our whole is stronger than our individual parts, the more we help our students succeed. Our children and young people will find improved growth and success when we: "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." (Fred Rogers) **Neighbors helping neighbors!**

Many of you came together in meetings or through participating in surveys to provide input that helped us create RSU 9's Strategic Plan – our roadmap to improvement. Your input showed that you recognized some of the present or upcoming problems and you suggested possible solutions. You helped put into words how "hope" could continue to prosper in RSU 9 through new efforts, thinking, and ideas combined with efforts that are currently achieving success. Outdated ideas, plans of action, or interventions need to be left behind. As we move into the new year families and staff need to continue to work together to refocus on the hope and promise outlined in this plan.

I look forward to working with you as we "look for the helpers" to forge a bright future for RSU 9!

January 10, 2025

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Maine Health Community Coalition

- Winter Outreach Schedule
 - [Mobile Health Unit](#)
 - [Strengthen ME](#)
 - Franklin Country Recovery Center
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 - [Franklin County Syringe Exchange](#)
 - [National Blood Donor Month](#)



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January is National Blood Donor Month



ONE DONATION
can help save

MORE THAN ONE **LIFE**



Academy Hill School Kicks Off WinterKids with Excitement!

Get ready for some winter fun! Academy Hill School is launching its WinterKids competitive track on Monday, January 13th. There will be an opening ceremony in the back parking lot at 2:15 PM. They be sharing the WinterKids Oath, unveiling this year's theme, handing out prizes, and (fingers crossed!) enjoying some hot chocolate and cookies.

The excitement continues on Tuesday, January 21st! Meteorologist Ted McInerney from Maine's Total Weather will be visiting AHS! He'll be there at 6:40 AM and will broadcast his "Weather at Your School" segment live at 7:00 AM. This is a fantastic opportunity for students, made possible through the partnership with WinterKids.

Upcoming RSU 9 Closures

Monday, January 21, 2025
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Please refer to the [24/25 Academic Calendar](#) on our district website!

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RSU 9 Board of Directors Meeting

Tues., 01/14/2025
6:30pm | MBC Forum