



To ALL our
RSU 9 staff

THANK YOU
FOR ALL YOU DO!
YOU ARE TRULY APPRECIATED!

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Christian M. Elkington

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

May 3, 2024

Staff Appreciation Week - May 6 - 10, 2024

We are Fortunate:

Staff Appreciation Week is an important time each year to formally acknowledge the dedicated staff we are fortunate to have serving in our schools. It's a time to acknowledge and celebrate the dedication, service, and support of all staff who make up RSU 9! Through their daily efforts RSU 9 staff help create and maintain a learning environment where students have the opportunity to learn and develop skills which they will use as community members and citizens in the years to come. Our deepest gratitude goes to our staff as their commitment to student success and district goals, by providing a caring and kind learning environment where students can thrive is much appreciated!

The hard work of the RSU 9 staff is seen every day! Staff's positive attitudes, commitment to improvement, and willingness to collaborate help create opportunities for our students to thrive. Whether it's providing support to students and parents facing challenges, fostering innovative learning methods for students who go above and beyond, or ensuring that district operations go smoothly, RSU's concern and focus for the many services we provide is noticed!

Thank you for creating a welcoming and supportive learning environment where Mt. Blue students can learn, grow, and thrive. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated and passionate TEAM in RSU 9!

The Evolution of Appreciation in Schools:

Discussions about a dedicated day to honor teachers began in the 1940s. With Eleanor Roosevelt's support, National Teachers' Day was established on March 7th, acknowledging the vital role teachers play.

As schools have evolved, the importance of all staff members became clear. From teachers and other professional staff in classrooms, to custodians maintaining a safe and clean environment, to cafeteria workers providing nutritious meals, to educational technicians assisting students in classrooms, to drivers transporting our students safely, and maintenance staff supporting building upkeep, every positive effort of RSU 9 staff contributes to our students' success. The National Parent Teacher Association advocated for a full week dedicated to honoring everyone who keeps schools running smoothly which led to the creation of a national Staff Appreciation Week in the 1980s.

Please join me in saying THANKS to each and every member of the RSU 9 Staff!





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McKinney-Vento

Serving Students In Transition

We would like to highlight the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, ensuring educational access for all children despite housing instability.

This program offers immediate enrollment, transportation aid, and various resources for eligible families. Our district is here to support those experiencing housing insecurity.

[More info on our District Website](#)

LIVING IN TEMPORARY OR INADEQUATE HOUSING?

You or a loved one may qualify for certain rights and protections under the McKinney-Vento Act.

Connect with RSU 9's District Liaison to learn more

McKinney-Vento Liaison

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The 5th and 6th graders from Mt. Blue had a successful trip to the District IV elementary music festival held on Wednesday, April 3rd at Lawrence JHS in Fairfield. The students were praised for being great citizen representatives for Mt. Blue and performing well within their respective music ensembles – orchestra, chorus, and band. They collaborated and made friendships with students from many surrounding school districts including Waterville, Oakland, and Skowhegan. An especially unique opportunity was rehearsing and performing under the guidance of guest conductors. The credit for the students' preparedness goes to the dedicated district music teachers: Gracie Libby, Brendan Hickey, Ethan Wright, Caitlin Zamboni, and Dan Simons.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Late Arrival Wednesday (LAW)	Wednesday, 5/8/24
School Board/Budget Meetings	Tuesday, 5/14/24
RSU 9 District Budget Page	

LINKS:
Employment Opportunities
Volunteering in our Schools
Promotional Flyers for Non-RSU 9
Sponsored Events
District Calendars
Excusable Absences

