



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

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DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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As we approach the culmination of another jam-packed school year, with just 16 days remaining until summer vacation, I wanted to express my sincere appreciation for the dedication and hard work of our entire school community.

I want to commend our students, parents, and staff for their commitment to making gains with more consistent student attendance. Every day in school matters. Through a consistent presence our learning environment thrives, fostering valuable lessons learned, lasting friendships forged, and opportunities to grow for all.

Throughout this year, we have maintained a steadfast focus on our district's core mission – providing high-quality educational opportunities for all. We are implementing new programming, developing plans to strengthen our curriculum, and cultivating a culture of inclusivity. We have had important conversations about bullying and the importance of fostering a respectful learning environment. While conflict is inevitable, bullying is not. By working to better equip our students and staff with the tools to navigate disagreements effectively and with empathy, we are continuing to strive for the safest and most supportive learning space as we can.

This year has seen a treasure trove of student successes! From academic triumphs in the classroom to artistic breakthroughs on stage, athletic victories on the field, and heroism in the community, our students consistently impress. Their dedication and talent are a source of immense pride for our Mt. Blue Community.

We hope to conclude a successful budget season through the district vote on June 11th. By securing the necessary resources, we can continue to work towards providing our students with the exceptional education they deserve. The FY25 budget allows for investments in new programs, crucial technology upgrades, and ongoing professional development for our staff. Please vote on June 11th!

Memorial Day along with Veteran's Day are two of the most important national holidays that occur during the school year. They are days set aside for us to remember, thank, and celebrate those that serve, have served, fought, were injured, or in the case of Memorial Day who died to keep the United States of America a democracy. A place where everyone's opinion matters and where everyone has the right to representative government determined by each person's vote. As we take time this weekend to recognize those that have given their lives in peacetime or during war it is important for us to recognize that the current US Armed Forces is the most diverse it has ever been! It represents Americans from every part of our country. 57 percent are white, 43 percent are people of color and 14 percent are women. It is a "truer" representation of who in 2024 WE are as a NATION! Please join me in thanking and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice! Thank you!

RSU 9 PROPOSED FY25 BUDGET ADVANCES TO JUNE VOTE AFTER INITIAL APPROVAL

RSU 9 held its annual budget hearing on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, with 66 voters in attendance. All 22 budget articles presented during the hearing received approval. This means the budget will go before the district's voters by ballot on June 11th, coinciding with the statewide referendum. Contact your Town Office for Polling Hours.





FRANKLIN COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS FEATURED IN MDOE PODCAST

The Maine Department of Education (DOE) podcast "What Holds Us Together" recently featured a panel discussion on adult education. Maine's Commissioner of Education, Pender Makin, met with students and instructors from Franklin County Adult Education to gain firsthand experience. The episode highlights a panel discussion with these students, ranging from those seeking high school diplomas to those acquiring skills to launch businesses or switch careers. They share their life-changing experiences and showcase how adult education is another powerful example of how public education strengthens communities.

MT. BLUE ORCHESTRA STUDENTS HONORED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2024 ALL STATE ORCHESTRA



MT. BLUE HIGH SCHOOL JR., JULLIAN MERRILL, WAS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS CALL TO 911 TO REPORT A FIRE AT HIS NEIGHBOR'S BARN ON FEBRUARY 22



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Olivia Fish, a 7th grader at MBMS, is one of the 55 winners representing US states and territories in the Doodle for Google contest. Her Doodle was chosen from thousands of entries and is now competing to be featured on the Google homepage!

The National Winner will take home a whopping \$55,000 college scholarship and their school will receive a \$50,000 tech package to upgrade their computer lab or technology program!

You can help Olivia's Doodle win and make a big difference for her school by voting for it at <https://doodles.google/>. Voting is open from May 22nd to June 4th. The public vote will determine the National Finalists and the overall winner. Google will announce the five National Finalists in late May. Spread the word and encourage everyone to vote for Olivia's Doodle!

IMPORTANT DATES

Late Arrival Wednesday (LAW)
 Wednesday, 5/29/24
 Wednesday, 6/5/24 (Last One)

Board Committee Meetings
 Tuesday, 6/4/24
 5pm-8:15pm - MBC Forum

Budget Referendum/Ballot Vote
 Tuesday, 6/11/24
 Contact your Town Office for Polling Hours

School Board Meeting
 Thursday, 6/13/24 -
 6:30pm - MBC Forum

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