

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

*Christian M. Elkington*

It's June so it must be time to say farewell and thanks to the Class of



To the MBHS Class of 2025: As you prepare for your graduation this Sunday, I extend our district's heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to each of you along with thanks for all your hard work and dedication to your studies, your families, and your friends. Led by the student council, you jumped in to take on new tasks, pushed for excellence, and made positive things happen. Your willingness to actively engage in the educational opportunities and programs offered, has helped prepare you for your next chapter.

Whatever your next steps are, know that we believe in you and support you as you follow your dreams and passions. To do great things in this world you must build on your strengths and weaknesses, remember the lessons you've learned, the skills you've honed, and the values you've practiced during your time with us. Hope is a word I use often, but not lightly. HOPE is powerful. The hope each of you has inside and that which you carry from all of us in the Mt. Blue community is powerful! When acted upon, it will contribute to future success. We eagerly anticipate hearing about the future accomplishments of the Class of 2025 and wish you much success!

**A BIG well done** - Goes to over 300 students who received certificates of completion at the Foster Career and Technical Education Center recognition night this past Monday. You couldn't find an empty seat in the MBC gym as family and staff came out to show their pride in what our students, along with students from Rangeley, MSAD 58, and RSU 73 accomplished this year.

### **Important Reminder for our District Communities: Budget Validation Referendum Vote on Tuesday, June 10th**

I want to remind all our community members that the Budget Validation Referendum Vote in each of our 10 towns is this coming Tuesday, June 10th. Your participation in this vote is not only an important statement to all our young people about the power of voting but it is crucial for the continued growth and improvement of our schools. Our Public Schools actively participate in helping to raise the next generation of young people who will have the opportunity to grow, work, and lead in our communities, state, and nation! We need your support. If approved by you, this year's budget will continue our present programming, which students and families depend on, initiatives in Literacy and PreK while also continuing our work to improve instruction in our classrooms at the smallest budget to budget increase (0.87%) in all of Western Maine.

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Please note that you will see two articles on the ballot:

**Article 1:** A vote to pass the proposed budget that was approved at the district budget meeting this past Tuesday, May 27th; and

**Article 2:** A vote on whether to maintain the current budget referendum process where there is a district budget meeting followed by a vote in all ten towns. A positive vote on this article will maintain the current process for three more years.

**Town Voting will take place as follows in each town within RSU 9:**

June 10, 2025 – Referendum Voting Hours by Municipality		
Chesterville	Chesterville Town Hall	1pm – 7pm
Farmington	Farmington Town Office <i>*Change of Location</i>	1pm – 6pm
Industry	Industry Town Hall	12pm – 7pm
New Sharon	New Sharon Town Office	12pm – 7pm
New Vineyard	New Vineyard Community Room	2pm – 6pm
Starks	Starks Community Center	12pm – 8pm
Temple	Temple Town Hall	1pm – 6pm <i>Change of Hours</i>
Vienna	Vienna Community Room	4pm – 8pm
Weld	Weld Multi-Purpose Room	4pm – 8pm
Wilton	Wilton Selectboard Meeting Room	8am – 8pm

In closing, thanks again for sharing your thoughts, concerns, and hopes during our school year! We appreciate hearing from you as we determine our next steps in supporting our students and families in Mt. Blue! We hope you have a fantastic summer!



RSU 9 Facebook Page



RSU 9 Website

**Job Openings!**

**Promotional Flyers for Non RSU 9 Events**

**Volunteer Information**

**School Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, 06/12/2025**  
 6:30pm | MBC Forum



**Sun., June 8<sup>th</sup> - MBHS Graduation**

**Tue., June 10<sup>th</sup> - VOTE**

**Wed., June 11<sup>th</sup> - NO LAW**  
 ○ FULL School Day

**Fri., June 13<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School**  
 ○ ½ Day for Students

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SUMMER

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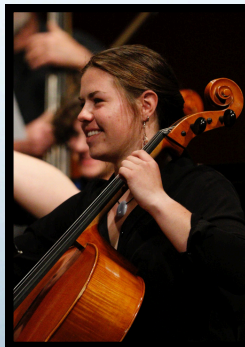
# Cape Cod Hill School SEED Squad

The CCHS Seed Squad took a field trip to the District Office to volunteer their time to plant flower beds. They worked hard together and did an outstanding job!!



## Mt. Blue Orchestra Student Maya Kellett performs in the 2025 Maine All State Orchestra

Congratulations to Mt. Blue High School senior Maya Kellett for her outstanding performance in the 2025 Maine All-State Orchestra! This marks her third year in the ensemble, managed by Ben Richmond and directed by American Prize-winning conductor Michael Isadore. We're incredibly proud of you, Maya, as you continue your musical journey at Dartmouth College in the fall!



## 2025 Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) Student Conference



RSU 9's Tech Integrator, Nicole Lesperance, demonstrated robot programming to students, teaching them to make Marty the robot perform dance moves. The Marty robots were acquired for RSU 9 through the Maine DOE MLTI Tech Grant Program.

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