



## COMMUNITY | CULTURE | CURRICULUM

Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all.

### A Message from Superintendent Elkington

Education is an important gift which the taxpayers of Mt. Blue/RSU-9 and Maine give to our students. Maine's state constitution underscores its importance and State statutes require that we supply students transportation to ensure that every young person can attend school. You will not find this expectation in many countries but it is one that we know is worth the investment in our students, families, state, and country. As we celebrate Bus Driver Appreciation Week, let me take a moment to thank the RSU 9 Transportation Staff who serve our students and families each and every day. Your many efforts in safely delivering our students to and from school is so appreciated. The connections you make with our students and families is invaluable. Without our TEAM many of our students would not be able to attend our schools on a regular basis.

*Please join me in thanking our hardworking transportation staff!!!*



### Bus Driver Appreciation Week

School doesn't happen without YOU! Many thanks to our staff who transport our students day in and day out, in all kinds of conditions.



**RSU 9 Student Attendance shows improvement!** After the first 25 student days of our school year I am happy to report that our average daily attendance has improved at each of our schools. Our overall attendance average has increased to 94.96% which means a decrease in absences from 6.47% to 5.04% and an increase in over 900 extra days of school attended by our students! Each added day a student attends school is another opportunity for our staff to help them grow! Thanks to our parents and guardians for working with us to ensure that our students get to take advantage of the many opportunities afforded to them by the communities of RSU 9!

### Why Purchase the Holman Mission House for the RSU 9 District Office?

This coming Tuesday, October 24th, a Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 pm in the Forum at Mt. Blue Campus on the potential purchase of the Holman Mission House. This purchase would provide a permanent location for the

### Downloadable Calendars for 2023-24

[2023/2024 District School Calendar](#)

[2023/2024 Blue Gold Calendar](#)

### Every Day in School Matters!

[Excusable Absences](#)

### Staff Recognition

Click [here](#) for a list of all previous honorees.

### What Else is Happening?

Public Hearing  
10/24/23 @ 6:00pm

Regular School Board Meeting  
10/24/23 @ 7:00pm

Holman Mission House Referendum Vote  
11/07/23

[District Calendar of Events](#)

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RSU 9 District Office. Next week detailed information about this purchase will be mailed to our communities and will be available on our website. RSU 9 citizens will need to approve this purchase using Federal funds by voting on Tuesday, November 7th.

We hope to see you at the hearing!



## A Message From Our Amazing Nurses!

One of the issues that often comes up for families is whether or not to send a child to school when they complain of not feeling well. If your child is experiencing any of the symptoms or conditions outlined in the link below, please keep them at home where they can rest comfortably and come back

stronger. Your child's teacher, classmates, and their parents will all thank you! We hope that the link below shares some specifics to help you make an informed decision at home. [Too Sick for School?](#)

## Disconnected Youth?

As defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, [disconnected youth](#) are young people ages 14-24 who are homeless, in foster care, involved in the justice system, or are neither employed nor enrolled in an educational institution. Approximately 6.7 million or seventeen percent of all youth in this age range are currently considered disconnected. One way to help these young people is by providing them with occupational skills training leading to industry-recognized certifications, as well as opportunities for community service where they can learn valuable skills that will help them join the workforce and become successful adults.



In our area, the Central Western Maine Workforce Development Board is looking to find 16-19 year olds who are disconnected youth to support them. Franklin County is one of seven counties which comprise Central/ Western Maine. Franklin County appears to have less youth labeled as disconnected in this age range, compared to

many other Maine Counties. We believe this points to the effectiveness of the partnerships in Franklin County between high schools such as Mt. Blue and post-secondary planning, including Franklin County Adult Education/post-secondary schools, and many of our local companies all provide workforce development opportunities. IF YOU KNOW OF A YOUTH NOT ATTENDING PLEASE HELP US CONTACT THEM. THANKS!!

## RSU 9 is hiring!

Have you ever considered working for RSU 9? [Click here](#) for a complete list of job openings, information about each position, and to apply.

## Interested in Volunteering?

Check out the [Volunteer Page](#) on our website, for more information!

Fill out a [Volunteer Registration Form](#)

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