MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

TO: Parents & Guardians

FROM: Christian M. Elkington, Superintendent

RE: Some details as we finish up our school year.

DATE: 5-30-2025

As we sprint to the finish line let me share the following with you:

IMPORTANT DATES

- Our Last LAW Day will be Wednesday, June 4th
- RSU 9's Annual District Budget Referendum is Tuesday, June 10th. Please check the following link for voting hours in your community.
- Wednesday, June 11th will be a full student day. We will NOT be following a LAW schedule this day.
- Our Last SCHOOL Day will be Friday, June 13th (This will be a half day for students.).

The FY26 Proposed Budget was moved forward by the voters at the District Budget Meeting this past Tuesday night. A final vote by all registered voters in our ten towns will happen on Tuesday, June 10th. The proposed budget was adjusted at the meeting and now has an increase, budget to budget, of 0.87%. With this adjustment, this budget is still by far *the lowest public school budget increase* in all of Western Maine. You should have received two budget mailings over the previous three weeks sharing critical information about the proposed budget. Both of these can be found at https://www.mtbluersd.org/about/budget-information/25-26-budget-information. Thanks to all who attended the District Budget Meeting. I now ask that all voters please model your involvement in our democratic process by participating as voters in your town's polling place on Tuesday, June 10th. Thank you!

Sun Bucks EBT benefit is available to families. In the summer, many children lose the free and reduced-price meals that they get at school. The SUN Bucks program provides families with a \$120 EBT benefit for each eligible school-aged child to help their families buy groceries when school is out of session. Information can be found at this link.

An important Cybersecurity Update on the PowerSchool data breach that we, along with thousands of districts, had this past winter can be found at this link.

False rumors solve nothing, but are concerning when we are trying our best to work together with you in support of our young people. Please read this note from me about some unfortunate reporting <u>link</u>. Thank you!



