RSU 9 Transportation & Custodial UPDATE August 2023

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RSU9 support staff are working hard over the summer getting the district schools and buses ready for a new school year.



MBMS - 85% complete. The Art room and Orchestra has been stripped and re-waxed...a phenomenal feat! Lead Custodian Erin and the crew are making strides each day. She has been leading them to a streamlined, more organized way to clean the building. Erin has a plan for each day of the month in order to complete the building. Erin is staying ahead of it and really showing that Nicole's vision of the district's custodial departments are a success.

<u>AHS</u> - Lead Custodian Laura and crew are more ahead this year than in any previous year remembered. Stripped one classroom, building 85% complete as of July 31 Laura has a plan and communicates to the crew her expectations and what should be done each day. The crew starts at AHS and then will all go to



Cushing by the end of July. The gym is also getting a facelift with RSU 9 Cougar team colors!

<u>CUSHING</u> - Kindergarten and Pre-K classrooms are being relocated elsewhere in the building to make room for the new program. Lots of moving, cleaning, and maintenance putting down one NO WAX floor and building walls :) 90% of the building is ready-to-go.

MBC - Extended Year Programming (EYP) School. Lead Custodian Kirk and crew are busy in a building that constantly changes, with lots of staff, sports, etc all summer. 80% of the building is complete. Carpets in offices are cleaned. Gym renovation(sanding floor back to original wood, new lines, graphics and then recoating) starts August 1; Scheduled to be completed by August 25.

Mallett - EYP School. Lead Custodian Joe and the crew are doing a phenomenal job. Joe is leading as the flagship school to a cleaner, more efficient way of doing custodial work. For example, using and implementing better team



cleaning: using employees input and their strengths. Administration has been impressed with what is happening at this school. 85% complete.



<u>CBS</u> - EYP School. The custodial crew is diligently cleaning the 2nd floor at 90% completion. Floors and classrooms are looking great with Leonard at the helm.

<u>CCHS</u> - Lead Custodian Bonnie and the crew are moving many classrooms this year!! They have been working hard and have completed the 2nd floor and a couple rooms on the 1st. Building is 85% complete. Maintenance has been busy removing carpets in one room and replacing with NO WAX tile flooring. A majority of the classrooms have no wax tile at this point.

2023 MAPT Annual Safety Conference training held on July 20th & 21st at Sugarloaf.

Bus drivers' aides and mechanics participated in the two day training. What a great learning experience everyone had. Just a few of the classes: The Importance of The Bus Driver, Restorative Practices, Mandated reporter and Treat on the Bus. Mechanics had breakout sessions with the Maine State Motor Vehicle Inspection Unit.







Bruce Rollins lead of the wash bay detailing.

Richardie Kelly

Extended Year Program busing has been a great success with 9 bus routes serving three schools. Out of district transportation to Rumford, Belgrade, Lewiston and Auburn covered with three buses. Go Team.

Support staff update: Current open positions. 1- custodial at MBMS (we have an applicant in the hiring process), 1- Bus driver and 1-Mechanic.