



# Mt. Blue High School Board Update 5.10.22



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## End of the Year Events!

With just a few weeks remaining in the school year, we have many upcoming events to share and celebrate!

Prom-May 21st

Final Student Recognition Event-May 26th

Academic Letter Celebration-May 26th

MBC Spring Celebration-May 27th

Music Performance and Awards Ceremony-June 2nd

Foster CTE Center Recognition Event-June 6th

Mt. Blue High School Awards Event-June 7th

Mt. Blue High School Senior Assembly-June 8th

Mt. Blue High School Graduation-June 12th

Finals Week-June 14th-17th

Last Day of School-June 17th



## Student Supports

We would like to recognize the campus collaborations that take place daily at MBC. Students have access to our Free Store, which stocks a variety of donated items, available to all at any time. In addition, staff members have worked together to provide food items that are also available at any time. Our campus focus on the varied needs of our school community has always been a priority, and we are appreciative of the efforts that are made to that end!



## MBC Staff Appreciation and Connections

As we continue to work on social-emotional structures and supports for staff, we enjoyed lunch together on our Workshop Day. We also held a potluck breakfast aligned with our April SEL LAW on the topic of decision-making. It was a wonderful opportunity to help our large campus make connections and share strategies as colleagues and educators. This week, we were pleased to be able to appreciate MBHS and Foster CTE Center staff by sharing gift certificates and whoopie pies in recognition of their collaboration and shared commitment to our students throughout the school year. We appreciate all that staff do for students and each other each day!





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## Highlights!

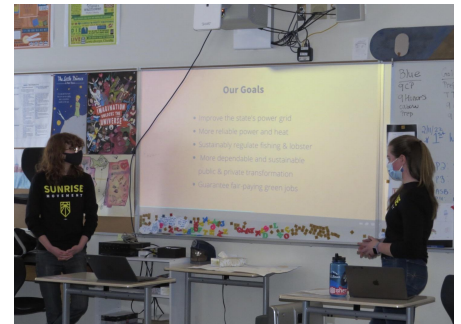
### Climate Workshop-Grade 9 Earth Science Staff and Students (contributed by Doc Millette)

On February 11, 2022, ninth-grade students at Mt. Blue High School had a singular opportunity to interact with climate experts in different fields in a series of nine workshops. These workshops were designed to give students information about what is happening with climate in Maine, and also to give them information about what they could do about it. Out of the nine workshops, students attended a keynote session about climate effects on a local farm, and then were encouraged to choose two additional workshops that interested them.

The additional workshops included presentations and discussions with local scientists presenting research results on the connections between climate change and Maine wildlife, lakes, and forests. Students were also able to choose from workshops that gave them information about what the state of Maine is currently doing to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and one designed to introduce students to the legislative process if they wanted to act on their climate concerns. An additional session was presented by Maine company, Revision Energy, to showcase some excellent jobs in a successful clean energy industry. The final workshop choice showcased Mt. Blue student Maya Kellett and former Mt. Blue student Isabelle Rogers who are members of the Sunrise Movement. They were able to share what role young people are taking in addressing issues related to climate in Maine.

The program was organized by veteran Earth Science teacher Dr. Patricia Millette in response to comments students made on an end-of-the-year questionnaire. The survey clearly showed that students are genuinely frightened by the prospects of climate change in their lifetime and feel powerless to do anything about it. This workshop day was a way to give students evidence-based information about climate in Maine and also show them a pathway to become involved in making changes that will affect their future in a positive way.

Posters of subsequent student research on the effects of climate change on different aspects of Maine life can be viewed in the entryway of Mt. Blue Campus.



### Farewell and Best Wishes to Our Retirees and Welcome New Staff Members!

We would like to thank the following individuals for their dedication to RSU 9 and Mt. Blue High School. They are all retiring from various positions and roles this year. Their commitment to students and our campus is appreciated and will be missed! Best wishes to them going forward!

- Arvid Cullenberg-Health
- Matt Allen-Math
- Pam Bean-Librarian/Media Specialist
- Pauline Rodrigue-Former RSU 9 Volunteer Coordinator and current Rotary/Interact Youth Group Coordinator

We are pleased to share the good news of our newest staff members for the 2022-2023 school year!

- Velda Yamashiro-Health
- Page Brown-Social Studies
- Makayla Wilson-Special Education
- Jeannie Ruther-Special Education (started in April 2022)

