

# MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: RSU 9 Parents and Guardians  
FROM: Christian M. Elkington, Superintendent  
RE: Early August Updates  
DATE: August 9, 2022

The summer is flying by, and school is just around the corner. I hope this finds you enjoying time with family and friends recharging your batteries! As we focus on the coming year it is time for me to share RSU 9 district updates with you.

**Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Set of Water Testing Results** – Came back to us last week. Upon initial review, I am pleased to say that it does not look like we have any water source or pipe issues, but we will need to replace several fixtures. We are working with a company to assist us with a deeper review of these results. We do not expect any disruption to the start of school. More detailed information will be shared next week.

**Hiring** – We continue to make progress with our hiring. We have hired a nice mix of new and veteran people along with multiple individuals with a close connection to our communities. The hiring market continues to be very competitive, and we are thankful for everyone who applied and for those who have agreed to join RSU 9! We are still in need of staff members in the areas of special education, especially support staff, Educational Technicians with 2 or 3 years of college, custodial services, and student transportation. Please share that **90%** of our staff shared in a spring survey that RSU 9 is a good place to work! To see a complete list of open positions and to submit an online application, please visit our employment website at <https://www.applitrack.com/mtbluersd/OnlineApp/>.

**2022/23 Economic Status Form** – Please complete the 2022/23 [online Economic Status](#) form - one form for each child in your family. The confidential data helps determine key state funding for school resources and services, including school breakfast and lunch reimbursements; Title I programs; special education; before- and after-school programs; and summer school. *Families that complete this form before the start of school will be entered into a raffle to win amazing prizes, including, children's bikes; ski passes to Titcomb Mountain; movie passes to Narrow Gauge Cinema; Hannaford gift cards; gift certificates to local restaurants; and the grand prize of an Apple iPad.*

**School Board & Superintendent Authority** – Some community members have asked whether School Board members or district administration have the authority to remove other School Board members from their elected office. This is a question with a clear answer: there is no legal authority for the RSU (or its administrators) to remove a duly elected School Board member. Communities that hold recall elections for school board members have provisions in their town charters that allow them to do so. Those with such provisions are very few in number.

Thanks for listening!

