



# RSU 9 News

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

### A message from Superintendent Elkington

This summer has been a time for RSU 9 staff to regroup after a busy year. With the changes in our administrative team (see below) we are in a strong position to focus on implementing many important action steps from our District's Strategic Plan around three areas - Community, Culture and Curriculum – and how each contributes to reaching our goals. Success will be achieved when we all – staff, students, parents and the community – work together as a TEAM to move forward. A second area of focus for RSU 9 will be on tackling the serious issue of absenteeism among our students. “Everyday In School Matters” is our theme as consistent attendance, starting in Pre-K, is a major determinant of each child’s success.

### Important changes in our Administrative Team!

**Alison Gamache, Director of Finance** - Alison has previously been with the RSU 9 for 9+years, starting as the accounts payable clerk, bookkeeper and grant work. With former business manager experience and a stint in the Finance Department at Bates, she has returned to RSU 9 as our Director of Finance. “I realized at Bates that I feel the most engaged when I am working on multiple projects at the same time. I feel like this is where I am supposed to be. I am so happy to be back and to have many amazing people on our team.”

**Monique Polin, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Curriculum and Grants** - Monique has been in RSU 9 for 21 years including six years as assistant principal/athletic director at MBMS, three years as assistant principal at MBHS, and a total of twelve years as the MBHS Principal. “I am looking forward to the position of Assistant Superintendent! I have spent the vast majority of my years as an administrator in RSU 9. The district's commitment to a wide variety of student experiences, academic growth, and preparation for life after graduation has not wavered over time. I look forward to working with staff and students PK-Adult, the Central Office, the RSU 9 School Board, our families and our larger community in moving our district’s Strategic Plan forward!

**Carol Kiesman, Principal, Cape Cod Hill School** - Carol grew up in Aroostook County and was hired in May as our new principal at CCHS. Her education background includes an undergraduate degree from the University of Presque Isle, and graduate degrees from the University of Southern Maine and from the University of Maine. Carol spent much of her

### “Everyday In School Matters!”

Is our district theme for the 2023-2024 School Year. Please refer to this [link](#) for information related to excused absences.

### Downloadable Calendar for 2023-24

- [2023/2024 District School Calendar](#)

### Staff Recognition

Our professional and support staff members of the month for June and July are included below. Click [here](#) for a list of all previous honorees.

### June’s Staff Members of the Month

Deborah Muisse- English Teacher MBHS

Michael Turner- RSU 9 Maintenance  
Supervisor

### July’s Staff Members of the Month

Joe McPherson - Lead Custodian W.G.  
Mallett

Isacc Libby - IT Support Technician

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career in RSU 22. She has a wide variety of experience including 20 years as a classroom teacher. She has served as a Gifted and Talented teacher and Director of Programming, an assistant principal and principal and, most recently, as a curriculum director. Carol is pleased that as principal she will once again have direct contact with students.

## **Mary Redmond-Luce, Director of Franklin County Adult Education -**

Mary has been in education the past 12 years, first as a special education teacher and then as the Student Services Coordinator for Foster Technical Center. Prior to that she worked for the Department of Labor helping a variety of populations enter into the workforce. In this new role Mary feels as though everything she has done professionally comes together to offer people in Franklin County access to lifelong educational opportunities, including high school diploma or the HiSet equivalent, college and career access, Workforce Training programs and enrichment offerings. She looks forward to serving the people of Franklin County!

**Joel Smith, Interim Principal Mt. Blue High School (MBHS)** - Joel will be starting his 27th year in RSU9 having been an Assistant Principal since 2009. He is very excited to be in this new role of principal and hopes to build on the positive culture that is established at Mt. Blue. Joel is a dedicated professional and is committed to working with our RSU 9 students, staff, parents, and community.

**Chris Davis, Assistant Director Foster Tech Center (FTC)** - Chris will continue to build our Middle School program and funding sources with all of our partner schools: Day Mt MS (MSAD58), Rangeley Lakes (RSU78), Mt Blue MS (RSU9), and Spruce Mt (RSU73). He will continue to strengthen our digital systems for recruiting, applications, and data collection, along with strengthening our social media presence, while assisting with teacher PD.

**Galen Dalrymple, Assistant Director FTC** - Galen will be supporting our Bridge Academy Program and will partner with MBHS administration to ensure stronger connections with students, parents, and our community. He will oversee enrollments in post-secondary institutions, will partner in data collection and grant writing, and will develop and implement a rigorous safety-driven program to ensure that safety protocols and procedures are followed.

**Greg Henderson, Interim Assistant Principal MBHS** - Greg brings several years of admin. experience into this role. He is a great problem solver with the skills necessary to handle the challenges that face students and educators on a daily basis. His background in school counseling will help Mt. Blue Campus move forward addressing the challenges of attendance.

*Let us take this opportunity to thank all of the RSU 9 Administrators for their commitment to Mt. Blue. These positions are difficult and we appreciate their commitment to our students, staff, parents, district, and communities!*

## **Exploring History - Cape Cod Hill School Students Create A “Wax Museum”**

**Coordinated, Curated, and Created by Alexandria Paradis (4th).**



Teagan Landry - Gloria Steinem  
Owen Bates - Neil Armstrong  
Nala Verdeyen - Sacagawea

## **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.

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