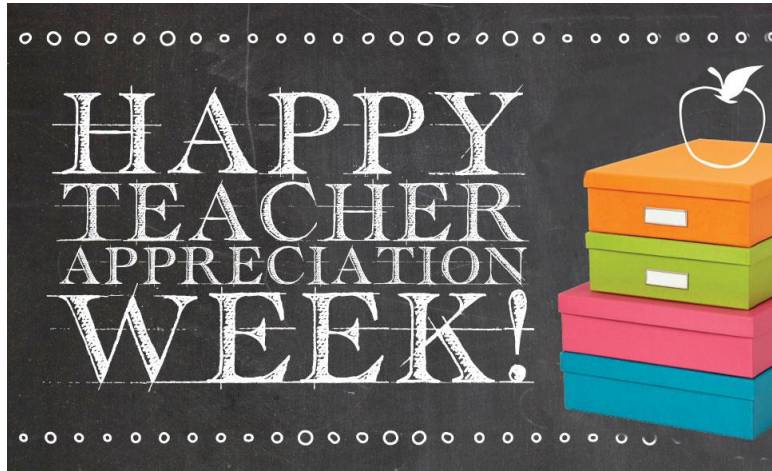




RSU 9 Community News

May 2021



Please email centraloffice@mtbluersd.org to share any inspirational teachers stories, or student thank you notes for our staff!

RSU 9 Budget Update and Reminders

The FY22 budget development timeline and process are posted on the district's [2021/22 Budget Information](#) webpage. School and department presentations and videos from the Budget Committee meetings are posted.

- May 25, 6:30 pm - Annual Budget Hearing (virtual)
- June 8 - Referendum vote in RSU 9 towns

Parent & Family Engagement

ESSA, a federal education law, creates a long-term stable commitment to equal opportunity for all students. ESSA included provisions that will help to ensure success for students and schools; below are just a few. The law:

1. Advances equity by upholding critical protections for America's disadvantaged and high-need students.
2. Requires that all students be taught to high academic standards that will prepare them to succeed in college and careers.
3. Ensure educators, families, students and communities receive annual statewide assessment information that is vital to measuring a students' progress toward high standards.
4. Helps support innovative approaches including evidence based strategies developed by local educators and school leaders.
5. Maintains an expectation of accountability and action to effect positive change in Maine's most challenged schools.

Aggregate data can be found on the ESSA data dashboard:
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/dashboard>

Community Resources

- ★ A list of area resources can be found on the Mt. Blue RSD site under [Quick Links; Resources for Parents](#)
- ★ Regularly updated Community Resources regarding [COVID 19](#)
- ★ [NAMI MAINE](#): Looking for some extra support but don't know where to start. Try the toll-free Helpline (1-800-464-5767).

Important Dates Coming Up!

- May 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- Friday, May 28th - Early Dismissal
- Monday, May 31st - Memorial Day
- Friday, June 11th - Early Dismissal; Last day of classes
- Sunday, June 13th - Graduation (still in planning stages)



Masks, Vaccinations, and Our Schools

[Mask Update effective 5/4/21:](#)

- Students and staff will not be required to wear masks outside if they are able to consistently maintain 6 feet or more distance apart.
- If students and staff are outside and are unable to maintain 6 feet or more distance consistently, they will be required to wear masks.
- These guidelines will be used for other school activities such as recess, physical education, and other times students may be outside.

A helpful document for determining those outdoor activities that would be safest can be found [HERE](#).

Thank you to the RSU 9 Nursing Team for their work and communication while maintaining safe guidelines. If you have any questions please reach out to your principal. All updates from the Maine DOE and Maine CDC can be found here, [School Health Guidance](#)

Summer School Dates

We will be holding summer programming this year from June 28th thru July 29th (no summer programming on July 5th). Families will be notified if their child is eligible to participate.

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