

SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN
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Mission

To improve the personal, social and academic growth of every student over time.

The Superintendent's Bulletin will be posted on the third Friday of each month and is available on our website. The purpose of this bulletin is to provide relevant information pertaining to each of our school districts across the SAU. Please read the bulletin and use it to remain updated on district news.

Dear SAU 50 Staff, Parents and Community –

Weather & Emergency Alerts

As we head into late fall, I want to remind parents and community members of our procedures for school cancellations, delayed opening, or early releases due to inclement weather.

Delayed Opening Procedure:

The Greenland, New Castle, Newington and Rye schools will delay morning starting times during inclement weather when it is believed that weather and road conditions will improve. When the delayed opening is announced on the radio/TV and/or School Messenger system, email or school website, all SAU 50 schools will begin two hours later than normal. All bus schedules will run two hours later, and lunch will be served. Schools will be dismissed at the regular time. Please note that during a delayed opening, the morning preschool session at Rye Elementary School will be cancelled.

For students attending Portsmouth High School, New Castle, and Newington students attending Portsmouth Middle School: road conditions in Greenland, New Castle, Newington, and Rye can be different from those encountered in Portsmouth. In the event that SAU 50 has a two-hour delay and Portsmouth schools do not, SAU 50 students who ride the school buses to Portsmouth will arrive at the school approximately two hours later than normal. Portsmouth school officials are aware of this practice, and SAU 50 students will not be penalized under these circumstances.

Cancellation Procedure:

SAU 50 schools will announce the cancellation of classes because of inclement weather over the School Messenger system, email or school website, and WMUR television station. Initial notification of delayed openings or cancellations will be made by 5:30 a.m. and/or as soon as possible. If a delayed opening is called, parents and students should be alert to the fact that school may still be cancelled if conditions do not improve. If a delayed opening is in effect and subsequently it is

necessary to cancel school for the day, such information will be announced over the television and School Messenger as soon as possible.

Weather (Or Emergency) Related Early Dismissal Procedure:

Weather (or emergency) related early dismissals may occur during the school day. Students will be released in accordance with emergency early release information. Public announcements will be made prior to the dismissal on the television and School Messenger.

THE FOLLOWING TELEVISION STATIONS WILL REPORT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WMUR, Manchester Channel 9

Please cooperate by not calling the schools or the bus contractor for this information since it is critical that the phone lines remain open to allow for communications with parents and public safety officials.

Newington School District

The Newington School Board recently approved the use of “Remote Instructional Days” for students and staff at Newington Public School. The “Remote Instructional Days” more commonly known as “Blizzard Bag Days” will be announced through School Messenger.

New Castle School District

Staff and students at Maude H. Trefethen School in New Castle recently held a “Kindness Spirit Week” in conjunction with a school theme of showing kindness to others. During my classroom visits last Friday, I saw students dressed up as their favorite heroes as it was “Be a Hero to Others Day” at MHT.

Principal David Latchaw recently announced new after-school and extracurricular opportunities beginning in late November and continuing throughout the year. MHT students will be able to participate in Rock Climbing & High Ropes Course, Coat Racks & Picture Framing, Balance Boards, and Skateboard Building.

Rye School District

The Rye School Board recently approved the use of “Remote Instructional Days” for students and staff at both Rye Elementary School and Rye Junior High School for the 2018-2019 school year. The “Remote Instructional Days” more commonly known as “Blizzard Bag Days” will be announced through School Messenger.

Grade 5 Transition Committee

During the month of October, members of the Grade 5 Transition Committee completed site visits to Oyster River Middle School, York Middle School, and Berwick Academy. Two interactive working sessions were held on October 18th in order to receive feedback on the teaching models that the committee was exploring.

On Friday, October 26th, the committee unanimously recommended a three-person teaching team model to include a core teacher for ELA, Mathematics, and Science with each teacher then responsible for one section of Social Studies. A formal committee readout is scheduled for Thursday, November 8th beginning at 6:00 PM at Rye Junior High School (see attached flyer).

The Rye School Board will officially receive the recommendation for the proposed teaching model at its November 9th Budget Work Session and Board Meeting to follow. The November 9th meeting will be held at the Rye Town Hall beginning at 8:30 AM.

Contract Negotiations

The Rye School Board and the Rye Education Support Personnel Association recently reached a tentative agreement for a successor contract. The five-year contract will become effective July 1, 2019 and continue through June 30, 2024. The Rye Education Support Personnel Association represents building custodians, food service managers, food service assistant managers, food service assistants, head custodians, para-educators, secretaries, secretary assistants, sign interpreters, and special education aides in the Rye School District.

Calendar of Events

11/1/2018	Greenland School Board Budget Meeting – Greenland Central School	5:00 PM
11/5/2018	New Castle School Board Meeting – Maude H. Trefethen School	5:00 PM
11/9/2018	Rye School Board Budget Meeting – Rye Town Hall	8:30 AM
11/9/2018	Rye School Board Meeting – Rye Town Hall	2:30 PM
11/12/2018	Veteran’s Day – No School	
11/13/2018	Newington School Board Meeting – Newington Public School	5:00 PM
11/14/2018	SAU 50 Joint Board Budget Meeting – Rye Junior High School	6:30 PM
11/19/2018	Greenland School Board Meeting – Greenland Central School	5:30 PM
11/21-11/23	Thanksgiving Recess – Newington, Rye	
11/22-11/23	Thanksgiving Recess – Greenland, New Castle	



**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 8, 2018**

5TH GRADE TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Readout and Panel

Due to past and projected school enrollment decline and following the recommendation of the School Use Feasibility Committee, the Rye School Board voted on July 25, 2018 to reconfigure the towns two schools beginning the 2019-2020 school year: Rye Elementary will educate Grades K-4 students and Rye Junior High will educate Grades 5-8 students.

A newly formed “5th Grade Transition Committee” comprised of school administration, teachers, a Teacher Association Representative, parents, and school board members is hard at work planning for a smooth transition.

Please join us to review the findings of this Committee, the initial proposed configuration for a Grade 5-8 middle school, and to have your important questions and concerns answered by expert panelists. This is an important meeting for parents and residents-at-large and we encourage **all members** of the community including our friends in New Castle, to attend.

**RYE JUNIOR
HIGH CAFETERIA**

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6PM
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**PLEASE SHARE
THIS INVITATION
WITH ALL
RESIDENTS**

**Can't make it?
This meeting will
be livestreamed
and archived on
the Rye
Elementary
School website**

Contact co-chairperson Paula
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any questions.