

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.

Amy Reynolds Recognition

I would like to share some great news about Amy Reynolds, Special Education Teacher at Rye Junior High School.

I am pleased to announce that Amy has been nominated as one of three finalists for the UNH Professional Development & Training Honor Kindness Award. Ms. Reynolds was nominated by her RJH colleague, Anne Gilbert.

The winner will be chosen by the number of "likes" received through the UNH Professional Development & Training Facebook page, which can be accessed through this link:

<https://training.unh.edu/honorkindness>

The finalist with the most "likes" between now and December 15th will win a two-night stay at The Mountain Club on Loon in Lincoln, NH.

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Reynolds on her nomination and be sure to visit the link above to place your vote.

Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest recognition that kindergarten through 12th-grade mathematics or science teachers may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. Awardees are recognized for their contribution to teaching and learning and their ability to help students make progress in mathematics and science. In addition to honoring individual achievement, the goal of the award program is to exemplify the highest standards of mathematics and science teaching. The Awards provide recognition to exceptional teachers. This program acknowledges educators who are models in both their classrooms and in their communities.

Congratulations to former Rye Junior High School Teacher Elise Catalano for being a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Ms. Catalano was nominated for this award as a result of her outstanding work as a mathematics teacher at Rye Junior High. Ms. Catalano will be recognized at a special ceremony on December 7, 2017 in Meredith, NH.

Congratulations Elise!

Contract Negotiations

Earlier this fall, the Rye School Board and the Rye Educational Support Personnel Association commenced negotiations for a successor agreement. Several sessions have been held since early fall and will continue for the next few weeks as the parties work collaboratively to reach a tentative agreement.

Legislative Update

Non Educational Surveys and Questionnaires

During the 2017 legislative session, RSA 186:11, IX-d, which requires school districts to adopt a policy governing the administration of non-academic surveys or questionnaires to students, was amended. Senate Bill 43 was signed by Governor Sununu on July 18, 2017 and became effective on September 16, 2017. This amendment eliminates the “opt-out” provision and now states that no student is required to submit to a non-academic survey or questionnaire without obtaining written consent of a parent or legal guardian. A link to the new law is posted below with the amendment in bold for your convenience:

<https://www.education.nh.gov/standards/documents/surveys-questionnaires.pdf>

Public School Infrastructure Fund

The New Hampshire Department of Education has recently announced the launch of the Public School Infrastructure Fund established under RSA 198:15-y. The fund has an estimated \$19,000,000 available to public schools to expend for bringing fiber connections to schools; addressing life and safety deficiencies at schools; and improving security in schools. The SAU 50 central administration will share this information with our building leaders and encourage them to submit applications to the NHDOE.

Student Recognition

A job well done by the students at Newington Public School on their Veteran’s Day wall display and congratulations to the Maude H. Trefethen School’s co-ed soccer team on completing a successful season.



Veterans Day Wall – Newington Public School Coed Soccer Team – Maude H. Trefethen

Calendar of Events

November 6, 2017	New Castle School Board Meeting – Maude H. Trefethen School	6:00 PM
November 14, 2017	Newington School Board Meeting – Newington Public School	6:00 PM
November 15, 2017	Rye School Board Meeting – Rye Junior High School	5:00 PM
November 20, 2017	Greenland School Board Meeting – Greenland Central School	6:00 PM
November 22-24, 2017	Thanksgiving Holiday Break	
December 4, 2017	New Castle School Board Meeting - Maude H. Trefethen School	6:00 PM
December 12, 2017	Newington School Board – Newington Public School	6:00 PM

Thanksgiving Message

It has been a busy fall semester and I know that we are all looking forward to the Thanksgiving holiday to celebrate with family and friends. Let me say what a privilege it is to work with talented educators, supportive board members, families, and community members. I am most thankful for the opportunity to work with each of you, knowing the importance of what we do to shape the future of our students. On behalf of the entire SAU 50 Administration, thank you for your efforts and best wishes for a restful and Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

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