

SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN
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Superintendent of Schools – SAU 50
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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.

Opening of New School Year

I am pleased to report a successful opening to the 2017-2018 academic year. We held our Opening Day Ceremony On August 28th at Greenland Central School for all new and returning staff. I am pleased to welcome the following individuals to SAU 50 in their respective positions:

Greenland Central School

Caroline Coe, Educational Aide, Emily Davis, Kindergarten Teacher, Maria Frangione, Grade 1 Teacher, Tamara Hallee, Principal, Jillian Halpin, Secretarial Assistant, Lana Hoyt, Psychologist, Jackie Jorgensen, Kindergarten Teacher, Jessica Mayer, Tutor, Abigayle Normandeau, Grade 3 Teacher, Graham Phillips, Special Education Teacher, Maika Phillips, Special Education Aide, Carla Rice, Special Education Coordinator, Hannah Snow, Speech Teacher, Kaitlin Stranger, Special Education Aide, Jackie Thompson, School Nurse, Hulya Varlikli, ESOL Teacher, and Kelly Winfrey, Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).

Newington Public School

Devon Brunner, Special Education Aide, Meridith Clemons, Physical Education & Health Teacher, Eugene Guth, Music Teacher, Erin Russo, School Nurse, Susanna Vitali, Art Teacher, and Kelly Winfrey, BCBA.

Maude H. Trefethen School

Yi-Fu Han, Special Education and School Counselor and Justin Mayrand, STEM/Extended Learning Teacher.

Rye Elementary School

Terry Goodwill, Special Education Aide, Heather Landry, Special Education Aide, Caitlin Piper, World Language Teacher, Donna Stinehour, Educational Aide, Hulya Varlikli, ESOL Teacher, and Linda Wozny, Food Service Assistant.

Rye Junior High School

Duy Bui, Music Teacher, Chandra Eves, Science Teacher, Kacie Ferraro, Math Teacher, and Maria Lamb, Food Service Assistant.

SAU 50 Office

Tracy Dumais, Secretary to the Superintendent, Amy R. Ransom, Assistant Business Administrator.

New School Websites

Final touches are being done to the schools' new websites, which we will have up and running by mid-September. A special thank you goes to Assistant Superintendent Kelli Killen, Tracy Dumais, Secretary to the Superintendent, and April Fox, former Secretary to the Superintendent, for all of their hard work in overseeing this project.

Full Day Kindergarten

I am pleased to report a smooth opening for our full-day kindergarten program at Greenland Central School. Due to a higher than expected enrollment, we have three (3) full-time teachers assigned to our kindergarten program this year. I would like to thank the Greenland School Board, Greenland Budget Committee, parents, staff, and members of the Greenland community for their support of full-day kindergarten and making this a reality at Greenland Central School.

Preschool Program at RES

Due to the increased Kindergarten enrollment at Greenland Central School, the Community Preschool Program was relocated to Rye Elementary School for the 2017-2018 academic year. The transition took place over summer vacation and officially opened on September 5th.

Schoology

The SAU 50 School Boards have approved the three year implementation plan for our new learning management system, Schoology. Schoology is a web-based platform that contains all the tools needed for schools to create engaging content, design lessons, and assess student understanding. A training has been scheduled for September 22nd for all teachers interested in piloting the new system.

Rye Elementary Outdoor Classroom

Rye Elementary has opened a brand new Outdoor Classroom, funded by the Rye Education Foundation with donated time and equipment from Green Penguin Landscaping. The Outdoor Classroom is conveniently located near to the school's main building. There is also a greenhouse for students to learn about growing fruits and vegetables, and a pollinator garden, which was researched, designed, and planted by our last year's fifth grade and funded by the Rye PTA. These opportunities, along with our established vegetable garden, will provide multiple learning opportunities for students. Principal Suzanne Lull is very excited and looking forward to having students expand their knowledge and learning experience utilizing this new outdoor learning environment. Once again, thank you to Rye Elementary staff, Green Penguin Landscaping, Rye Education Foundation, and Rye PTA for making this experience possible.



Calendar of Events

September 18, 2017	Greenland School Board Meeting – Greenland Central School	6:00 PM
September 20, 2017	Rye School Board Meeting – Rye Junior High School	5:00 PM
September 27, 2017	SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting – Newington Public School	6:30 PM
October 2, 2017	New Castle School Board Meeting – Maude H. Trefethen School	6:00 PM
October 10, 2017	Newington School Board Meeting – Newington Public School	6:00 PM
October 16, 2017	Greenland School Board Meeting – Greenland Central School	6:00 PM
October 18, 2017	Rye School Board Meeting – Rye Junior High School	5:00 PM
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

Sincerely,

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 Superintendent, SAU 50