

## Superintendent's Update January 16, 2019

### News from Around the District

- We have only had five school days since vacation! We have eight snow days built into the calendar and have already used five! There will be a decision made by Monday to change the January 22 workshop day to an instructional day. Workshop days are important to our staff development, however, we also recognize the importance of instructional time during the school year instead at the end of the school year.
- Before vacation, Michelle McClellan and I hosted a legislative breakfast. This was an opportunity for us to connect with Representatives Bickford, Claxon and Sheats (Rep. Melarango was unable to attend) to discuss educational topics, answer questions and share challenges as they prepared for the legislative session. We plan to stay in communication as bills are considered.
- This year Walton School is participating in the WinterKids Winter Games. Walton is one of two schools from Androscoggin County selected to compete against 30 other schools across the state. The challenges center around literacy, nutrition, and family engagement. Walton is going for the Gold medal in hopes of receiving \$5,000!

### School Committee Agenda Items

**6:00: Workshop:** The School Committee will have an executive session to consult with school attorney pursuant of 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(E).

### 7:00: Regular Meeting

#### Information

#### Grosvenor Teacher Fellows, Erin Towns

Edward Little High School social studies teacher Erin Towns was selected as one of this year's Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic Grosvenor Teacher Fellows in recognition of her commitment to geographic education. Last August, Erin embarked on an expedition to Southeast Alaska and British Columbia on board the National Geographic Sea Lion for a hands-on experience for professional development. Before the voyage, Ms. Towns traveled to National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C., where she participated in a multi-day, hands-on, pre-expedition workshop covering everything from photography to outreach planning and had the opportunity to network with Lindblad Expeditions naturalists and past Fellows. Ms. Towns enhanced her geographic learning through direct, hands-on field experience with Native American and Canadian First Nations peoples, and brought that knowledge back to her classroom and professional learning community at Edward Little High School. Erin is using what she learned to create new curriculum that helps students to address the globe's most pressing contemporary social, economic, and environmental issues. "Grosvenor Teacher Fellows are an integral part of National Geographic's work to achieve a planet in balance," said Mike Ulica, interim president and CEO of the National Geographic Society. "Educators like these Fellows ensure that students are equipped with geographic knowledge and global awareness, empowering the next generation to create solutions for a healthier and more sustainable future."

#### New Edward Little High School Update

The Superintendent, Harriman Architects and Tom Kendall, School Committee and Building Committee Chair, will update the School Committee on the progress of the new high school project. The Superintendent, Business Manager, ELHS Principal and Harriman Architects have been meeting regularly with the Department of Education and will share information from those recent meetings. Information will also be shared from the Building Committee meeting scheduled for January 15.

#### Business

#### Vision 2030- Policy- AUB-AD Vision and Mission

The School Committee will be voting on the Vision 2030 document first reading. Vision 2030 was reviewed by the School Committee on October 17, 2018 and December 6, 2018.

#### Finance Report

The Finance Committee will share the December financial report. Information is provided in the packet.

Enjoy your weekend,

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