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Superintendent's Report for October 2018:

Updates on: (Superintendent goals are underlined)

Budget (ED 279): Met with Deb Roberts, former business manager, at MSMA to go over expectations for that position and review our process here for oversight.

Utilization of Community Resources to support students and families: Hope is looking at starting a food pantry for students/families in need and Appleton has set up a backpack program for weekends. Lincolnville is working with a church in the community that provides help and support to needy families.

Cost sharing among schools and with outside districts: We got our first quarterly invoice from SAD 40 for our Hope and Appleton payrolls for July, August and September and it was only **\$2,122!** (We budgeted \$15,000 for the year.) Gail said that this has made such a difference for her as they also take care of the Maine PERS and taxes for these payrolls. We could never have hired someone to come in and help with all of this for anywhere close to this amount.

Curriculum/Assessment/Achievement/Reporting: Met with Deb McIntyre, curriculum director in Camden Rockport, 10/5 to discuss upcoming coordination looking at achievement in all schools on NWEA and discussed Genius Bags for snow days; Attended Mid-Coast Curriculum Directors' meeting in Searsport 10/9 to hear from DOE

Policies: 1st readings of Policy BG and BG-R are coming to each school committee

Communication with stakeholders/visits: Worked with Deb Benner HES K 10/3; Andrea Conover K LCS 10/4; Amanda DiBenedetti K AVS 10/10, Allison McWilliams 1st LCS on 10/12

HAL Goals for 2018-2019:

- Math: piloting new ELO's and continue looking at assessment data in PLC's
- Strengthen PLC's and sharing successes (specific) and challenges in each school, including special education & RTI
- Teacher Effectiveness: Manageable and Meaningful, working to provide more meaningful feedback on performance, adopt new Marzano model (condensed)
- Develop stronger leadership teams in each school and administratively
- Continue to work on developing strong instructional knowledge and skills through the Marzano platform (new model)

Hope School Committee Goals?

- **How can we continue to maintain our facility and address our lack of space with a minimal facility reserve fund?**
- **How can we continue to improve academically, especially in the math content area?**
- **How do we continue to build on our strength of individualized education and attention?**

- **How can we better advocate for the school's needs financially and better inform the community of the issues and challenges with rising budget costs?**

Superintendent's Report for: September 2018

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Budget (ED 279): Auditors here the weeks of September 10-21; We have received new subsidy amounts for each town based on the lower expectation mil rate from 8.51 to 8.48, but now deducting MaineCare Seed if applicable. The overall change for each school is:

LCS **-\$4166.39** because of MaineCare Seed Private deducted

HES **+\$3924.34** with no deduction for MaineCare Seed

AVS **-\$4504.91** reduced by MaineCare Seed Private and Public.

Had a meeting with all Union 69 secretaries/financial accountants to discuss process for PO's with our software program and answer any questions 9/25

Standards-based learning (Certification goal): Social Studies and Science standards are being revised at the State level this year and Math and English/Language Arts and Career will soon follow (14 step process); Attended a Competency (Standards)-Based Workshop on 9/27 and 9/28 that focused on a school district in Westminster, Colorado that is recognized for this approach. Bob Marzano spoke and one of the schools had become a Marzano academy focused on the instructional strategies of his framework.

Legislative Issues and involvement at state and national level to voice and address issues for small rural school districts: Facilitated the Midcoast Superintendent meeting on 9/20: discussed concerns with cost of transportation for homeless students, hiring administrative help for special education teachers

Cost sharing among schools and with outside districts: Going well with SAD 40 picking up Hope payroll this year as well as continuing with Appleton from last year.

Policies: Spoke with Charlotte Bates at MSBA about our Policy Procedure and have suggested revision to bring to each school committee before we start the process (Policy BG and BG-R)

Communication with stakeholders/visits to classrooms: Worked with Mary Beth Pride Pre-K Hope 9/19

Other: Reminder of upcoming MSBA Fall Conference in Augusta October 25-26; Heard that Camden-Rockport is looking at Blizzard Bag concept for 2 snow days this year as a pilot.