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**Superintendent's Report for: January 2019**

**Updates on: (Superintendent goals are underlined)**

**Budget (ED 279):** Due out February 15

**Legislative Issues and involvement at state and national level to voice and address issues for small rural school districts:** LD 55 "An Act to Return the Normal Cost of Teacher Retirement to the State" was heard on January 30. We currently spend: Appleton \$41,680, Hope \$47,672 and Lincolnville \$58,935, or 4.16% of teachers' salaries for this. Went to the Maine School Superintendents' Association Conference 1/18 and heard from our new Education Commissioner, Pender Makin and about the latest proposed legislation. LD 92 "An Act To Amend Teacher Evaluation Requirements" This amendment clarifies that a school administrative unit is not required to use student growth measures in educator evaluation requirements. LD 136 "An Act To Establish a Special Education Circuit Breaker Reimbursement Program" This bill establishes the special education circuit breaker reimbursement program, in which the Department of Education reimburses school administrative units, for a student whose eligible special education costs exceed 4 times the statewide EPS per-pupil rate, 75% of the amount of the special education costs that are above 4 times the statewide EPS per-pupil rate. The bill requires the department to distribute reimbursements to eligible school administrative units on a quarterly basis, and the reimbursements must be deposited in a separate revolving account that may be spent only on approved special education services.

**Cost sharing among schools and with outside districts:** We got our second quarterly invoice from SAD 40 for our Hope and Appleton payrolls for October, November and December and it was only **\$1,365!** Our first quarterly was **\$2,122.** (We budgeted \$15,000 for the year!)

**Curriculum/Assessment/Achievement/Reporting:** Met with Deb McIntyre on 1/23 for updates on their professional development plans and curriculum. We will try to share professional development between our schools.

**Policies:** 2nd readings and adoption of Policy ADC and ADC-R for Tobacco Use and Possession

**Negotiations:** Continuing with LCS Negotiations

**Communication with stakeholders/visits:** Worked with Jill Feeney LCS 1/8 ; David Munson AVS 1/10; Rosemary Morgenstern HES 1/15; Torrie Sprague LCS Title 1 1/30

**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

