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Schools of Our Future: A Comprehensive Approach to Improving Education in RSU #13

Curriculum and Instruction

- In one year, RSU 13 has been reorganized into Pre-K through grade 5 elementary schools, a 6-8 regional middle school, and a 9-12 regional high school to facilitate a more effective and efficient learning system for all students

Social and Emotion Support and Development

- Responsive Classroom Training in the Elementary Schools 2017-2018
- Restorative Practices Training in Middle and High School
- Establishment of a Student Engagement Task Force
- Freshman Academy Development at OHS
- BARR program adoption at OHS (Building Assets and Reducing Risks; fully funded by grant monies)

Increasing Academic Offerings and Opportunities

- Introduction of Academic Academy model at OHS (Freshmen, STEAM, Liberal Arts, and Fisherman's Academies)
- Adoption of Inquiry Based Science Curriculum 6-8 (fully funded by grant monies) in partnership with the RiSE Center at the University of Maine
- Development of a fully endorsed Gifted and Talented Program through the Maine DOE (now with three full time staff)
- Implementation of a Pre-K program (four classrooms; fully funded by grant monies)
- Literacy pilots K-5
- Mathematics pilots and adoption 6-8
- One-to-One student computers in grades 3-12

Teacher and Administrator Development and Evaluation

- Newly adopted Educator Effectiveness and Administrator Effectiveness models based on the work of Robert Marzano and the Interstate School Leadership Licensure Consortium Policy Standards (ISLLC) Standards

SPECIAL ELECTION PLANNED for FEBRUARY 28th, 2017

Facilities Projects

The goal is to create safe, comfortable, attractive, and efficient learning environments for our students.

- **Energy Conservation Projects:** Partnering with Siemens Energy, we have replaced heating, lighting, and ventilation systems with modern, efficient systems in all the facilities we are keeping — all systems and savings guaranteed for 20 years through a Performance Contract.

Bond Issue

- **Oceanside High School:** Renovations include upgrading and expanding the cafeteria to include a full, modern, working kitchen and space for student dining and community and school functions. Relocation of office spaces to allow for an increased number of classrooms and a more effective use of space. Renovation of the lower levels of the high school to provide ADA access, compliance with Title 9 issues in the locker rooms, and allow for the space to be used for instruction purposes.
- **Oceanside Middle School:** Renovations include construction of additional classrooms immediately to accommodate grade 6 students, and special education programs with the potential to redevelop existing space for more classrooms. Upgrading and expanding the cafeteria to include a full, modern, working kitchen and space for student dining and community and school functions. Constructing a new bus garage and IA shop on site.
- **Owls Head Community School:** Replacement of two 1950's vintage buildings with one new Pre-K to 5 elementary school on the site of the existing Owls Head School, serving the communities of Owls Head and South Thomaston with 200 plus students.

Total Project Cost: \$23,200,000

Reducing our footprint, paying with savings of \$1.2 million a year, and becoming much more efficient!

- Closure of Lura Libby School in Thomaston in FY 16 = \$325,000 in annual operational costs
- Closure of McLain Administrative Building in FY 17 = \$100,000 in annual operational costs
- Closure of Gilford Butler School and Owls Head Central School with a projected combined operational annual savings of \$245,000
- Reconfiguration of grades this year, greater efficiencies = \$530,000

It is our commitment to complete these projects without dramatically increasing taxes on RSU #13 residents: we will finance projects through these savings and efficiencies.