



Directions

From the Desk of Mike Wilhelm

The four communities of M.S.A.D. No. 75 are united in our dedication to develop confident, life-long learners. It is our mission to work together to ensure a community of fluent learners, critical thinkers and creative contributors to our society.

Update on the Budget

April 2009

As of today we have a “preliminary” subsidy report from the State that is based on the Governor's projected State revenues as of November 2008. It was recently reported in the press that the revenue gap the Legislature must fill is two to three times greater than the Governor's predictions in November. Consequently, there is some uncertainty about our final subsidy amount. The much-heralded “Stimulus” money will begin to flow on April 16, but as of this writing we are still uncertain as to how it can be spent.

The M.S.A.D. No. 75 Board is working to craft a school budget for 2009-2010 that will maintain programs and prepare our students for their future while being sensitive to the economy's effect on local taxpayers. The Board would like to use the stimulus money to help us meet our educational goals and to help offset potential increases in assessments to the District towns. Its ability to do so is partly dependent upon federal rules for the use of that money. The District is also exploring every avenue to reduce costs for next year. The Board has negotiated with two of its bargaining units so that the wages of all employees in the District, except teachers, will remain level for the next year. The M.S.A.D. No. 75 Board and Brunswick School Board joined together in October to find areas of sharing and collaborating that would both add value to our work and save dollars. The sharing of some management positions between the two systems, still being considered at this time, may be factored into our budget to save money. The District initiated a performance contract for energy efficiency last year to change lighting, tighten buildings and improve controls that will stem energy use and save money in the short term and long run. We are also

On the reverse side, please find a proposed calendar for 2009-2010. It is the work of a committee of teachers representing the Association, administrators and Board members. The Board entertained a first reading of it at the April 9 meeting. Between now and the next Board meeting, April 30, we are seeking input.

looking seriously at how we can reorganize our schools to build greater capacity with existing resources so that we can work smarter and more effectively with less.

We are currently trying to fill a revenue-expenditure gap of about \$500,000. Just as we approached this last year, we are considering every aspect of the budget.

We are almost at the point of having a proposed budget to take to our communities at the end of this month.

Public hearings will be held on April 28 and May 5 and 6. With feedback from them, the Board will have a budget to send to a District Budget Meeting on May 30 and ultimately to referendum on June 9. Community input will be critical to this process.

Board Budget Public Hearings Schedule:

Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. Harpswell Islands School

Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. Bowdoinham Community School

Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. Woodside Elementary School

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 is National Teacher Day.

“Teachers, I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth.”

--Helen Caldicott,
author and
peace activist



✓Support Staff Perfect Attendance

M.S.A.D. No. 75 wishes to recognize its support staff of the Merrymeeting Employees Association with perfect attendance. The [Support Staff Perfect Attendance](#) link on the Human Resources website will take you to the webpage listing perfect attendance for each month.

2009-2010

School Year Calendar First DRAFT

4/9/2009

H = School Holidays and Vacations

July 09						
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August 31 - First Day of School

September 7, 2009 - Labor Day
October 12, 2009 - Columbus Day Observed
November 11, 2009 - Veterans Day
Nov. 26-27 - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 21, 2009 – Jan.1, 2010 - Winter Break I
Jan. 18, 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. day
February 15, 2009 - President's Day
February 15-19 - Winter Break II
April 19, 2010 - Patriots Day
April 19-23, 2010 - Spring Break
May 31, 2010 - Memorial Day
Staff Development Days:
August 25, 26 and 27
Aug. 25 Elementary Floating Day
Friday, October 09, 2009
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
Monday, March 29 at the High School
Tuesday, June 1, 2010
X Comp Day
Wednesday, November 25 (All K-12)
Monday, March 29, 2010 (K-8)
1/2 Half-Day Elementary - Nov. 24
Ranks Close:
1st Quarter ends - October 30
1st Trimester ends - November 20
2nd Quarter ends - Jan 22
2nd Trimester ends - March 12
3rd Quarter ends - April 2
Monday, Aug. 31, 2009 First Day of School
Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009 First Full Day KStart
Sunday, June 13, 2010 Graduation
Last Day of School - June 15, 2010
Student Days = 175
Non-Student Days = 7
Total = 182

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