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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT September 27, 2016

Over the past few weeks my focus has been on the budget and making sure we are prepared for our first combined meeting with the Budget Committee. The first session will be inclusive of the SAU budget and technology. I have been working with Lise Tucker, Betty Moore and Kevin Verratti to look at the accounts and make sure that we are meeting the needs of our students.

I am in communication with WLC in looking at their scheduling and staffing. This is in an effort to make sure that when we meet with the Budget Committee in December in regard to staffing, that specific recommendations can be made. We are also doing a three year look back at grades and academic progress to see if there are any ramifications on curriculum implementation. This combined look will give us a good idea on how small class sizes can better affect student progress.

We have begun our administrative meetings with the leadership team which will meet two Thursday's per month. Our goal in these meetings is to increase communication, create consistency in our procedures and to be a sounding board for issues that come up. We will be focusing on district wide procedures. As a part of this we will be working with Kevin Verratti to create a district wide folder in Google Docs for all common forms for staff. This would include leave requests, professional development requests, etc.

Last week Kevin Verratti was able to procure 20 "lightly" used computers from the University of New Hampshire. These units were purchased for \$175 each and have replaced the computers in the library at FRES which were more than 10 years old. This is a great addition. The only caveat was that we needed to pick them up, I was glad to do that.

I attended the first meeting for the year of the Southwest Superintendents held in Henniker on September 16. This monthly meeting is a great way to network with other Superintendents. We had a presentation from Gerry Frew, Executive Director of the New England League of Middle Schools and a staff member at the DOE. We will be receiving a site visit in regard to minimum standards for the middle school in the spring, more information to come in February. Also Barrett Christina, legal counsel for the New Hampshire School Boards Association gave us a legislative update.

I will be attending the annual Bradley Kidder Law Conference on October 5th in Concord. This annual event has attorneys from across the state and region presenting on topics that are current and give us great guidance on how to proceed in creating protocols and recommending policy to the School Board.