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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
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The opening of school was a strong start to the school year. My introduction to the staff as a whole went well and there was a good sense of community as we left the room that morning. The meet and greets with the elementary school along with grades six and nine were good ones. The positive spirit of the staff was evident and families felt welcomed throughout the district. The first day of school I was able to be in all buildings. I was there for student arrival at WLC and dismissal at FRES. The next day I did the opposite trying to get a feeling for how things were organized. The only hitch on opening day was the middle school lunch service being very long. This was remedied the next day. As I walked through the halls teachers were beginning to get to know their students and kids were on task. There was a good feel to each building.

The Budget Committee will be meeting on September 6, Lise Tucker and I will be there. The agenda includes the Budget Committee making recommendations to the School Board in relation to the parameters to create the budget and for the cost of the teacher contract. In regard to the budget, my emphasis will be on making sure it is evident that the increases to the budget due to the bond, health insurance and the part time employee CBA were voted on and an expectation of the voters. They should not be taken into consideration when developing a level funded budget. As far as the teacher's contract, the emphasis will be on urging the committee to see that attracting and retaining quality staff is a key to the district's success. The information provided to the committee will demonstrate that our salary structure is not geared to attract or retain teaching staff.

On Friday, September 9, I will be attending the monthly NHSAA (New Hampshire School Administrators Association) meeting in Concord. The agenda for this meeting includes a presentation from the Commissioner on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), a discussion about the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and a legislative update from the Executive Director Carl Ladd.

SAT results from last spring's test will be made public shortly. The results will be shared with the public and the results analyzed so that we can see how the curriculum needs to be adjusted. Smarter Balanced results will be out as well. These will be shared with the board and the community.

At the boys' soccer game on September 2nd, there were two incidents of head to head collisions. Players were sent home and some from each team were diagnosed with concussions. Mr. Miller and the coaching staff did a great job attending to the players but having an athletic trainer on site for incidents like this would be more appropriate. I have asked Mr. Miller to look into the cost for having an athletic trainer on site for soccer and basketball games.