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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
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I have been spending a good amount of time on the process of union negotiations with the WLCTA. This has been a very collaborative process with both sides listening and working toward an agreement that will be in the best interest of the students as well as the taxpayers of Wilton and Lyndeborough.

The other main focus for everyone in our offices has been the budget. The staff has been very helpful in helping me to learn the nuances and the history behind the budget we are presenting. We are on target to come in with all discretionary funds being close to level funded and actually just a bit under the figures from last year's budget.

I have been working with the principals and other SAU personnel to create a staffing proposal that will make sense for our school community. While it is true that there has been a decline in enrollment, there are areas of concern in the area of curriculum implementation that create a need for consideration in the area of staffing. I will have a proposal for the School Board and Budget Committee in our meetings in December.

I have met with the Town Administrator and Road Agent from both Wilton and Lyndeborough to discuss the process for declaring a snow day or a delay in the start of school in case of inclement weather. We all agree that this is a decision that needs to be made with early morning communication and that it is understood that the road conditions in Wilton may be different from the road conditions in Lyndeborough. The final decision is mine and that decision will be made with the safety of our students being the primary concern. I will be using the automated alert system in PowerSchool to inform parents in addition to television stations. If you want to be the first one to know if school is called off or postponed follow me on Twitter at WLCSuper.

As a reminder, the necessity for the board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 22 is up for consideration.

I will be attending the Southwest Superintendent's meeting on Friday, November 18.

I was pleased to help the students at FRES celebrate the great job in the fund raiser. Mrs. Desmarais and Mrs. Fuller brought their students to the foyer by the third grade classes where they attacked me with 36 cans of silly string and then had a pizza party for each class. A great deal of fun was had by all.

Congratulations to the WLC Girls Varsity Soccer team on a great season. They did lose in the first round of the playoffs but they represented us with a great deal of pride and determination.