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Dear RSU 9 Parents, Staff, and Community Members,

We invite you to a presentation of the draft RSU 9 Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year. This meeting is an opportunity for you to see the plan for our schools and ask questions before the RSU 9 Board votes to send it to our communities.

Meeting Details

When: This Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Where: The Forum at the Mt. Blue Campus

What: A review of school spending and local taxes for the coming year.

Budget Key Points

The School Board has worked hard to create a budget that supports our students while being fair to our taxpayers. Here are the highlights:

1. The total budget is increasing by **1.5%**. This is the lowest increase of any school district in Western Maine reporting so far this year.
 - a. The average increase to our towns is only **1.44%**
2. Because there are fewer students enrolled (approximately 2.6% lower), we are reducing 4.5 teaching positions. No employees are being laid off; these positions are being reduced through teacher retirements.
3. We remain committed to keeping class sizes reasonable and providing the staffing and material support our students need to succeed.

The School Board voted unanimously to move this budget forward for community review. They believe it balances the needs of our children with the rising costs of living facing our local families.

If you cannot attend, you can find the full budget details on the RSU 9 Website under the "Board of Directors" tab.

We look forward to seeing you Tuesday evening to discuss the future of our schools.

Very truly yours,

Christian M. Elkington
Superintendent