

# MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: RSU 9 Families  
FROM: Christian M. Elkington  
RE: 3-16-2025 Updates  
DATE: 3-16-2025

**We have been working on the - FY 26 Budget** over the last three + months. At present the budget stands at an overall increase of 0.54%:

- A short review can be found at [W 25-26 Parent Budget Update 3-9-2025.docx](#) .
- Our budget book is available at <https://www.mtbluersd.org/about/budget-information/25-26-budget-information>
- For a draft of “present” individual town increases please go to [W Draft of FY26 RSU 9 Town Budget Assessments 3-9-2025.docx](#)

**The RSU 9 Board will be receiving the FY26 Proposed Draft Budget** - On Tuesday, March 25th at their regularly scheduled Board meeting, this is a change as there is no budget meeting this Tuesday, March 18th. A Hearing on the proposed budget will be held on Tuesday, April 1st, 6:00 pm in the Forum at Mt. Blue Campus.

**In January I put a partial freeze** - In place within the district budget as we had several budget lines that were going over and some revenue predictions which were not going to meet expectations. For the most part these restrictions have reduced some student experiences but have not interfered with daily learning expectations. Some staff have asked for fundraisers and GoFundme pages and parents and community members have responded in a helpful Fashion. As we get into the spring we expect that some school and district supplies will become tight so you may see some classroom teachers asking for assistance. Changes will also be seen in spring classroom trips as the district will not have funds to support these as we have in the past. Regularly scheduled student activities for clubs or sports teams will continue to be supported this spring. Thank you for any help you have or may give!

**Unfortunately Cyber attacks continue to** - Be made against school systems and public entities around our state and country. Each week we have bad actors trying to get into our systems from the outside by sending phoney emails to staff, families, and students. Recently, some individuals have attempted to copy parts of my email address to pretend to be me. Please know that we are constantly looking for suggestions from cyber security experts. On a promising note about our Tech Dept's efforts upon a recent review of a set of suggestions we found that we were already working on each of them.

[☰ 3-3-2025 Cybersecurity Suggestions PowerSchool update:](#) [PDF PowerSchool Cybersecurity Incident Update.pdf](#)

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