

# MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: Families and Staff  
FROM: Christian M. Elkington, Superintendent  
RE: Investing in Our Children and Communities: The 2026–2027 RSU 9 Budget Vote.  
DATE: 6-5-2026

Our public schools are the heart of our communities. From Chesterville and Farmington to Industry, New Sharon, New Vineyard, Starks, Temple, Vienna, Weld, and Wilton, RSU 9 is where our children discover some of their potential and build the skills to become tomorrow's leaders, workers, and our neighbors.

We know times are challenging and household budgets are tight. Keeping this reality at the forefront of our minds, our budget planning balanced the critical needs of our students with fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers. Thanks to careful planning, we have stretched every dollar to protect our students and classrooms and your hard-earned income:

- **Overall Budget Increase:** Up 1.5%
- **Local Tax Impact Increase:** Up 1.29%

Aligned with the **RSU 9 Strategic Plan**, the RSU 9, 26-27 Budget focuses on student academic achievement and growth, while continuing our commitment to the "whole child":

- **Academic Achievement:** Prioritizing growth in reading, math, and core subjects.
- **Whole-Child Support:** Providing critical emotional, behavioral, and food security resources so students feel safe, nourished, and better able to learn.
- **Safe Facilities:** Taking responsible steps to address maintenance and repairs for our aging school buildings.

**One Final Step: Please Vote This Tuesday, June 9th!** While last week's district meeting was a success, the process isn't over. For this budget to be finalized, we need many more of our community's voices and residents to come to the polls. We ask all staff, families, and community members to head to their local voting places this coming **Tuesday, June 9th**, and to vote **YES** on the 26-27 RSU 9 Budget.

Your vote is an investment in our children, a vote of confidence in our hard-working staff, and a commitment to keeping HOPE alive in our young people. Please help us finish this budget process stronger together!

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