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Superintendent's Report for: March 2020

Updates on: (Superintendent goals are underlined)

Budget (ED 279): Just FYI for our CMP costs. Supplier: Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.; Start: November 2018; Term: 36 months (through November 2021); Product: Fixed, All-Inclusive; Price: \$0.06940/kWh.

Met with the Appleton School committee for their first budget workshop on 3/6.

Visits to classrooms: Read Across America at HES with 2nd grade 3/2; Lisa Holt 3/5

Snow day count: 5 days used HES & LCS and 4 days AVS (as of 3/6/20)

Other: The principals and I were invited and met with the other Fivetown administrators and nurses on 3/2 to talk about the coronavirus and discuss how to respond if a student contracts it, what happens if school needs to shut down, how we would make that decision, etc. Local infectious disease specialist Dr. Cheryl Liecthy attended this meeting to advise us.

From the National Association of School Nurses:

School nurses lead health promotion and disease prevention in schools. School nurses can decrease fears and promote prevention of COVID-19, the flu, and other illnesses. School nurses can continue to be proactive by advising students, families, and staff to:

- Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Cover coughs and sneezes. Use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, then dispose of the tissue. When a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Find additional CDC resources on how to clean and disinfect schools.
- Wash hands for 20 seconds. Washing hands often under clean, running water can help prevent the spread of germs.
- For more guidance see the CDC: When and How to Wash Your Hands. If you cannot wash your hands, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60-95% alcohol.

School nurses should:

- Provide factual updates, as needed, regarding flu rates in the area, COVID-19 and tips to help decrease public fears.
- Consult with primary care providers, local, and state health departments if they observe individuals with symptoms or circumstances that seem to match those related to COVID-19 exposure.

NASN will continue to monitor and provide information on implementing CDC's recommendations.

For CDC updates go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>.

On 3/3 I attended an Emergency Preparedness meeting in Rockland with community agencies around our area to talk about the new DOE grant funded program to coordinate services and help with developing emergencies plans (in general).

I listened to the Webinar by the Maine DOE on the updates for the COVID-19 plans for Maine schools and then sent out a letter to all parents based on their recommendations, which I'll share.

HAL Goals for 2019-2020:

- How can we continue to align our professional development and calendar in our 3 schools, especially for support with our evaluation system and the Marzano instructional model?
- How can we as an administrative team address the challenges and improve on our evaluation model?
- How can we improve our Response to Intervention (Rtl) to help support students in the regular instruction programs?

Hope School Committee Goals

- How can we continue to maintain our facility and address our lack of space?
 - Have a feasibility study conducted for options to increase space
 - Look at expanding the facility committee to research options
- How can we continue to support our strong and dedicated staff?
- How can we better communicate with parents and increase involvement?
- How can we improve our communication to share school news beyond our parental community, including town leaders?
 - Send out newsletters so that they are not an attachment but open immediately with a different platform (Mail Chimp)

Superintendent's Report for: February 2020

Better feedback for teachers on their instruction: The principals and I met on 2/26 to talk about their latest observations and give each other feedback on comments and to talk about how to continue to work to make the process more meaningful.

All evaluations for all principals, including the staff surveys to incorporate into the evaluations, were completed on time.