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Superintendent's Report for May (updated June 1, 2020)

Discussion topics with regional superintendents, Commissioner Makin and the DOE every Thursday and Friday:

Opening of school:

- There is a large committee (about 50 people) representing various stakeholders meeting to discuss the steps/considerations needed to be in place to reopen schools in the fall.
- 25% of bus drivers and food service staff are over the age of 65; Teachers average 50 years old and what about staff at high risk
- Remote learning will have to be on an entirely different level if this is the way we need to deliver instruction, even in a hybrid model
- The list of steps/expectations currently being looked at is enormous and has to take into consideration:
 - Masks for everyone? Keeping masks on all day? Purchase of all PPE?
 - Bus transportation: skip every other row unless same family
 - Desks 6 feet apart (which would only allow 10-11 students in the room)
 - Lunches served in the classroom? Recess?
 - Physical education classes? Music classes?
 - Allow cross grade/content area teaching (flexible certification) to decrease teacher/student ratios

Town elections and budget process:

- STILL waiting for the executive order (due out any minute!) to allow municipalities flexibility in ways to provide information regarding the school budgets and opportunities for questions and feedback. The vote would be yes or no at the July 14 referendum.

Stolen ID's to claim false unemployment-We have had several false claims for unemployment just in Union 69 (including my name) due to stolen ID's!

Met with the new superintendent, Kate Clark, on May 22: We plan to meet and talk throughout the transition.