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Superintendent's Report for May (updated June 8, 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? Fed CDC guidelines
 - 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
 - Questions about guidance versus requirements? (masks, for example) Enforcement?

Town elections and budget process:

- The executive order that came out at the end of last week, June 4) allows school budget hearings to take place remotely as well as other options as long as community members have the opportunity to view the budget and articles ahead of time with a chance to ask questions or provide written feedback. I have written ballots and hearing notices for all 3 towns based on guidance from Drummond Woodsum attorney, Bill Stockmeyer, and sent them out to be posted on town and school websites.

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.

Went to HES last day parade in front of the school. What a great event!