Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District School Administrative Unit #63

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Greetings to the WLC School Community,

The WLC budget process for the coming school year is in its final stages. The next event is the final event, the School District Meeting held on Saturday March 10 at 9 AM. Those who attend this meeting will be the only individuals who decide on how the district will fund education in the 2018-19 school year.

Warrant article number 7 is a proposal to make kindergarten a full day program. The net cost of this program with additional revenue is \$57,545 creating a tax increase of around \$18 annually. If the program is approved students will have an additional **348** hours of instruction. This additional time should help to lessen the gap between students as they enter first grade in being ready to read, write and do math. Our data shows many students with a significant skill deficit as they enter kindergarten and first grade. Our goal is to have all students reading and able to do math at grade level, students who fall behind do have a great deal of difficulty catching up throughout their educational career. Students in kindergarten will be exposed to music, art and physical education for the first time. 70% of the children in the state have the option of full day kindergarten; the decision for you is whether or not you want the same opportunity for WLC students. If you want more information on what the schedule would look like and the choices parents have as their child enters school, please visit our website www.sau63.org or call me at 603-732-9170.

Please put the District meeting on your schedule for March 10. I encourage you to be an active participant in the educational process for the children of Lyndeborough and Wilton.

Sincerely,

Bryan K. Lane Superintendent of Schools