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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
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I have been working with staff to prepare presentations for the District Meeting to be held on March 10. Once the board has determined who will speak to the separate warrant articles, I will provide a draft of a presentation for the board.

In the board packet is a list of legislative considerations going on in Concord that involve education. To find the text of any of the proposed bills go to www.nh.gov, click on Laws and Rules. Choose State Statutes Online, and then under pending legislations click on Bill Status Database. Input the bill number and it will take you to the bill. If you click on Bill Text, it will give you the entire text of the bill you are looking for.

The district received a letter from the Department of Education regarding our level of compliance in meeting timeliness standards for IEPs. For the 4th consecutive year the district has had a 100% compliance rate. Many school districts struggle to meet this standard. Thank you to the Special Education staff.

On Feb. 8th The House voted on the bill that would have restricted town/cities and school districts from creating a law that restricts the carrying of guns in schools. The vote was 239-71 to send HB 1749 to Interim Study, in effect killing the bill for this legislative session. The policy committee may need to consider whether or not to amend our policy to prohibit the carrying of fire arms on school property.

I have submitted a request to the lottery commission for information in regard to Keno and the funding that would be available to the district. To clarify from the public hearing on the availability of funds RSA 287:47 indicates:

284:47 Operation of Keno Games. –

II. (a) One percent shall be paid to the department of health and human services to support research, prevention, intervention, and treatment services for problem gamblers.

(b) The remainder, less the administrative costs of the lottery commission and prize payouts, shall be deposited in the education trust fund established in RSA 198:39

This would indicate that as long as revenue was realized by the state from the Keno Games that the money would be placed in the education trust fund. This is the fund that supports the Adequacy Grant. In order for the revenue to cease coming forward, Keno would need to be discontinued or show an inadequate profit. I will have information on the revenue projections within the week.