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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
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Over the last week since the last school board meeting I have been working with the budget. The budget committee has voted and approved on a budget figure for the 2019-20 school year of \$12,598,674. This is a reduction from the proposed budget of \$163,289. At the request of the board, I have been looking into areas of the budget where reductions could be found in order to meet the reduction figure if it were approved by the voters in March.

I will be sending out an email by January 31 to all parents in the district to remind them about the public hearing on February 7. I will send the same information to the local media outlets in a letter to the editor so that all members of the public have access to the information.

At the last board meeting a comment was made by a budget committee member regarding the districts purchasing at the end of the 2017-18 school year. A board member requested a review if the purchasing history. I have prepared a document in Board Correspondence to detail the spending between May 15 and June 30. All purchase orders from May 15 to June 30 are listed. There were four purchase orders that were either unbudgeted or a replenishing of supplies.

A final resolution to filling the middle school math position was put into place on Monday January 28. We have manipulated a teaching assignment for one teacher and brought a person who was .5 FTE to full time in order to meet the needs of the students involved. The staff at WLC is doing a diagnostic evaluation of the students involved to determine if there are specific areas of skill deficit. For those students who show a need, additional math instruction will be made available to them four days per week. This additional instruction will create a scheduling conflict with band and chorus for middle school students. Mr. Bagley is going to contact parents of students in need of remediation to give them the option of going to remediation or go to band or chorus two days a week instead of the math instruction.

On Monday January 28, I was informed through the NHSAA of a public hearing on Tuesday January 30 of a public hearing on HB 678 dealing with "state funding of the cost of an opportunity for an adequate education for all New Hampshire students." There have been discussions among the Southwest Superintendents regarding the adequacy formula and what it does not include. The formula has a very low average teacher salary figure, does not include school nurses and other items of concern. I am in the middle of an analysis on how items required by RSA or educational statute are not accounted for in the adequacy formula but are part of our budget. I will have this for the board at our next meeting. I have included a copy of HB 678.

I will be attending the NHSAA Legislative update on February 4th in Concord.

On February 5th I will be attending an emergency management meeting with officials from Wilton.