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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
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Our offices have been getting all of the final documents ready for the Town Meeting on March 9. The Annual Report, was delivered to the printer on Thursday February 14 and will be ready for distribution prior to Friday February 22.

As you are all aware there was a potential threat reported to the middle/high school that we dealt with on Sunday February 10. I want to take a moment to thank the multiple students who took it upon themselves to report their concerns to administration at WLC. This is a testament to the relationships that the staff has built with students. In addition, I would like to thank Chief Olesen and the officers of the Wilton Police Department for working with us to investigate this situation. Without their efforts the district would not have been able to gain information in a timely fashion that allowed us to keep school open as scheduled.

In response to concerns raised by the public in regard to the budget, I have prepared an outline for possible reductions to the budget proposed by the SAU staff. This document breaks down possible reductions into categories that do not affect the requests for curriculum enhancements. Concerns were raised on whether or not staff would be reduced and how that might happen, that has been described in the document.

On Monday February 11, I visited with State Senator Shannon Chandley from District 11. We spoke for about 30 minutes on various pieces of legislation. She indicated to me that she is in favor of fully funding kindergarten and we discussed the importance of finding ways for the state and federal government to fund special education. We also discussed the adequacy formula for education and the levels of inequity that exist within it. She has offered to be listen to any concerns the board may have and would be willing to come see the board at any scheduled meeting.

I am continuing to work on a document outlining the differences of the adequacy formula versus the cost required costs for running the school district. Specific differences include the state using the average teacher's salary as the average starting teacher's salary and that school nurses, which are required, are not included in the formula. I hope to have this document ready prior to the next school board meeting.

At the request of a board member, I have expanded the documenting of end of year spending for the 2017-18 school year to add an additional month. The prepared document now includes all purchase orders between April 15 and June 30, the last 20 % of the calendar year. Two additional items came to light that were unbudgeted. The books for AP US History were purchased so that students could have the materials for the summer to do assigned work a cost of \$2,008.05. The other item was a green screen kit for a newly formed photography club at WLC at a cost of \$153.99.