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**Superintendent's Report for: November, 2021**  
**Committee**

**Hope School**

**District Goals:**

- a. improving communication as well as family and community involvement in school board meetings.  
Action steps:
  - i. Get links on the town website
  - ii. Research ways to increase access to school board meetings
- b. Ensure that the Board is seeking opportunities to better understand equity, diversity and inclusion at HES.
  - i. Cultural Competency Institute updates from Ms. Fagonde and Kate Clark
  - ii. Update on staff training on LGBTQ from Out Maine
- c. Facilities and capital improvements  
Action steps:
  - I. Examine and plan for diverse needs for space
  - ii. plan and budget for multi year facility improvements
- d. Researching ways to maintain a healthy indoor environment for learning
  - i. Collect empirical data on indoor environmental factors
  - ii. Have the facilities subcommittee look at a protocol and possible ways of measuring environmental factors.

a. Since our October meeting, we have established a process with the Town Hall in which our Zoom video of the Board meetings will be sent to Samantha Mank, who will upload the meetings on the town website. We will work on linking that video in our school websites.

b. Mrs. Fagonde and Mrs. Clark have attended three Cultural Competency Institute meetings and have met with the SU #69 team participating in the institute. This team is working on a presentation to all board members in the spring. Initially, this team would like to provide educational support and resources to schools as we all examine our practices to ensure they are inclusive and effective.

c. the facilities committee continues to meet to address a multi year plan for improvement as well as the more immediate issue of the boiler. Mrs. Fagonde will elaborate further.

**Ongoing Superintendent Professional Development:**

- Ongoing: Midcoast Superintendents; Commissioner's briefing; CCI
- Maine School Superintendents and Maine School Board Association Conference October 27, 28 and 29, see below for details.
- Maine DOE Forum on the Continuity for Learning MAP.

**Classroom visits:**

Over the last month, I have visited K-2 classes in Appleton as well as Lincolnville. I was also able to support PE class, French class and Computer classes at those grade levels. In the coming weeks, I will schedule time with HES grades 3-5.

**October 1 Counts:**

Our reports were due to the state in the month of October and here is a snapshot of the school at this time: Enrollment: 153 students, which is down 11.56% (20 students) since '20-'21. Even though the preschool is full, moving to full day necessitated a reduction in enrollment of 11.76% from '20-'21. We have a very small Kindergarten class this year, representing a decrease of 24.53% from last year. We have also seen a decrease in the number of students identified as economically disadvantaged, down 26.32%. Our special education numbers look good, we have an average number of students identified as disabled with the majority of the students included in general education for most of the day.

**Coronavirus:**

We have been in school for 49 days of school thus far, and as of this writing, have had no reports of positive cases in school, no need for quarantine or closures. We continue to be grateful for families and students who are working closely with us to keep the mitigation measures in place and make sure that we have as much in person learning time as possible.

We had 28 students (5-11 years of age) participate in the vaccination clinic. The second round of vaccinations is scheduled for November 30th. We are working on providing boosters for those who are eligible on that day as well.

Respectfully submitted,

***Kate***

Kate Clark