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**Superintendent's Report for: March, 2021**

**Hope School Committee**

**District Goals:**

- Identify the lessons we can carry forward from the pandemic. What are the new practices and structures that are working well and could be expanded?
  - staff allocation
  - delivery of instruction
  - space allocation
- Support the school in their effort to partner, communicate with and engage the parents and the larger Hope community in maintaining academic growth during the pandemic
- Support school administration in maintaining a safe and supportive environment during the pandemic for all students and staff.

March is all about vaccinations for school staff, budgets and negotiations! Negotiations begin soon and are confidential, but we are hopeful for smooth sailing! The budget process continues to move forward with our first workshop scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, March 16th. A large stumbling block is the audit. The information is now in the hands of the auditors, but we anticipate Paula will continue to send updates as issues get resolved. The combination of the pandemic, new staff, updates to the use of finance software and multiple instances of processes that have needed updating or correcting, have created a backlog that continues to impact our timeline. All school staff are eligible, whatever their age, to be vaccinated and have the information they need to schedule vaccinations if they wish.

**Ongoing Superintendent Professional Development:**

MSSA: New Superintendent's Workshops (rescheduled for April)

Midcoast Regional Superintendents' Group: Vaccine rollout; Q&A with Commissioner Makin

**Coronavirus Update:**

**County Designations, as of March 5, 2021:**

**Knox:** Green (next update March 19, 2021)

The new case rate in schools is 70% that of new cases in the general population. This is great news and numbers continue to decrease or at least hold steady. However, school health and safety protocols will remain in place until changed by the Maine CDC and the DOE. The most recent estimate is that vaccinations for children may not be available until 2022.