



Regional School Unit 5
Durham · Freeport · Pownal

"To inspire and support every learner by challenging minds, building character, sparking creativity, and nurturing passions."

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TO: Candace deCsipkes, Maddy Vertenten, Valy Steverlynck
FROM: Becky Foley, Superintendent
DATE: March 17, 2022
RE: Strategic Communications Committee Meeting

The Strategic Communications Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the RSU Central Office.

Agenda:

1. Student Exit Survey:
 - Finalize 2020-2021 summary (draft attached)
 - Review past reports and most current to try and identify trends (attached)
 - Discussion on whether to continue this survey going forward
2. Look at October 1, 2021 data of Resident Students Attending Other Schools (attached)
3. Parent Satisfaction Survey
 - Review and begin coding results (will be distributed at the meeting)
4. Set a date for an early May meeting (please bring your calendars)

Date: March 17, 2022

DRAFT 3/17/22

To: RSU 5 Board of Directors
From: Strategic Communication Committee
Re: 2020-2021 Student Exit Survey Summary

There were 32 total responses to the survey sent out between October 1 of 2020 and September 30 of 2021. There were 129 surveys sent to parents. There was a return rate of 25%. At the school level, the responses were as follows:

School	School Responses
MSS	7
MLS	5
FMS	11
FHS	5
DCS	4
PES	0

Of the total number who completed the survey, the primary reason for leaving included the following:

- Seven cited leaving for educational reasons,
- Fifteen cited non-educational reasons,
- Seven cited issues related to Covid/Hybrid,
- Three cited social/emotional reasons.

Secondary reasons for leaving included the following:

- Ten cited communication issues,
- Nine cited lack of rigor,
- Seven cited behavioral/safety issues,
- Eleven cited educational programming issues,
- Ten cited other issues.

Historical Information - Responses to Surveys

School	Survey Responses 2017-2018	Survey Responses 2018-2019	Survey Responses 2019-2020	Survey Responses 2020-2021
MSS	11	2	23	7
MLS	4	2	2	5
FMS	12	11	9	11
FHS	5	3	6	5

DCS	12	1	4	4
PES	6	5	10	0
Total	50	24	54	32

Date: January 29, 2021

To: RSU 5 Board of Directors

From: Strategic Communication Committee

Re: 2018-2019, 2019-2020 Student Exit Survey Summary

There were 24 total responses to the survey sent out between October 1 of 2018 and September 30 of 2019. There were 117 surveys sent to parents during this time. Our return rate was 21% of the surveys distributed. At a school level, the responses were as follows:

School	School Responses
MSS	2
MLS	2
FMS	11
FHS	3
DCS	1
PES	5

Of the total number who replied, eleven cited leaving for educational reasons and thirteen cited non-educational reasons. Further reasons cited included:

- **Ten cited a lack of rigor**
- **Five cited educational programming**
- **Two cited communication issues**
- **One behavioral/safety issue**
- **One cited "other"**

There were fifty-four total responses to the survey sent out between October 1 of 2019 and September 30 of 2020. There were 137 surveys sent to parents. There was a return rate of 39%. At a school level, the responses were as follows:

School	School Responses
MSS	23
MLS	2
FMS	9
FHS	6

DCS	4
PES	10

Of the total number who replied, thirty-two cited leaving for educational reasons and twenty-one cited non-educational reasons. Further reasons cited included:

- Twenty-three cited issues related to Covid/Hybrid
- Eleven cited communication issues
- Nine cited educational programming
- Two cited the district's focus on equity
- One cited behavioral/safety issues

Historical Information - Responses to Surveys

School	Survey Responses 2017-2018	Survey Responses 2018-2019	Survey Responses 2019-2020
MSS	11	2	23
MLS	4	2	2
FMS	12	11	9
FHS	5	3	6
DCS	12	1	4
PES	6	5	10
Total	50	24	54

RSU5 Resident Students Attending Other Schools as of October 1, 2021

School		Durham	Freeport	Pownal	Total
Acadia	Charter	0	0	0	0
Baxter Academy	Charter	3	10	1	14
Fiddlehead School of Arts & Science	Charter	6	0	2	8
Harpswell Coastal Academy	Charter	2	0	0	2
Maine Arts Academy	Charter	0	0	0	0
Maine Connections Academy	Charter	1	5	2	8
Maine Virtual Academy	Charter	1	2	0	3
Maine Academy of Natural Sciences	Charter	0	0	0	0
Homeschooled	Homeschooled	*	*	*	127
Chewonki School (Elementary School)	Private	0	0	0	0
Fryeburg Academy	Private	0	0	0	0
North Yarmouth Academy	Private	4	25	9	38
Waynflete	Private	0	13	1	14
Maine Coast Waldorf (previously Merriconeag Waldorf)	Private	11	51	7	69
Friends School of Portland	Private	0	16	0	16
Breakwater School	Private	0	0	0	0
Chop Point School	Private	0	0	0	0
Royal Academy	Private	0	0	0	0
L'Ecole Francaise du Maine	Private	3	19	0	22
Hyde School	Private	0	0	0	0
Lincoln Academy	Private	0	0	0	0
Wayfinder School	Private	0	2	0	2
Freedom Christian Academy	Private	4	0	0	4
Freedom Academy	Private	0	1	0	1
Calvary Christian Academy	Private/Religious	0	0	0	0
Greater Portland Christian School	Private/Religious	0	3	2	5
Gullford Christian Academy	Private/Religious	1	0	0	1
Central Maine Christian Academy	Private/Religious	1	0	0	1
Lisbon Falls Christian Academy	Private/Religious	2	0	1	3
Pine Tree Academy	Private/Religious	4	14	0	18
Open Door Christian Academy	Private/Religious	1	0	0	1
Cheverus	Private/Religious	1	8	0	9
St. John's Catholic School	Private/Religious	3	4	0	7
St. Doms Academy	Private/Religious	1	0	0	1
Wiscasset Christian Academy	Private/Religious	0	0	0	0
Auburn School Department	Public	1	0	0	1
Brunswick School Department	Public	2	0	0	2
Cape Elizabeth School Department	Public	0	1	0	1
Falmouth School Department	Public	0	4	0	4
Lewiston School Department	Public	0	0	0	0
Lisbon School Department	Public	3	0	0	3
MSAD 15 Gray-New Gloucester	Public	3	0	0	3
MSAD 16 Poland	Public	0	0	0	0
MSAD 51 Cumberland/No. Yarmouth	Public	2	1	2	5
Yarmouth School Department	Public	0	8	0	8
RSU 17 Oxford Hills	Public	0	0	0	0
Morse High School	Public	0	0	0	0
Maine School of Science & Math	Public	2	1	0	3
Portland Public Schools	Public	1	0	0	1
So. Portland	Public	0	0	0	0
Thornton Academy	Public	0	0	0	0
Total		63	188	27	405

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**New DOE reporting, not broken down by Town

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Baxter Academy	Charter	3	6	1	10
Fiddlehead School of Arts & Science	Charter	10	0	0	10
Harpwell Coastal Academy	Charter	3	4	0	7
Maine Arts Academy	Charter	0	0	0	0
Maine Connections Academy	Charter	0	6	3	9
Maine Virtual Academy	Charter	1	1	0	2
Maine Academy of Natural Sciences	Charter	0	0	0	0
Homeschooled	Homeschooled	49	70	23	142
Chewonki School (Elementary School)	Private	0	0	0	0
Fryeburg Academy	Private	0	0	0	0
NYA	Private	1	23	8	32
Waynflete	Private	0	20	1	21
Maine Coast Waldorf (previously Merriconeag Waldorf)	Private	8	63	7	78
Friends School of Portland	Private	0	9	2	11
Breakwater School	Private	0	2	0	2
Chop Point School	Private	0	0	0	0
Royal Academy	Private	0	0	0	0
L'Ecole Francaise Du Maine	Private	3	17	0	20
Hyde School	Private	0	0	0	0
Lincoln Academy	Private	0	0	0	0
Wayfinder School	Private	0	2	0	2
Freedom Academy	Private	0	1	0	1
Calvary Christian Academy	Private/Religious	0	0	0	0
Greater Portland Christian School	Private/Religious	3	3	2	8
Central Maine Christian Academy	Private/Religious	1	0	0	1
Lisbon Falls Christian Academy	Private/Religious	2	0	1	3
Pine Tree Academy	Private/Religious	4	11	0	15
Open Door Christian Academy	Private/Religious	0	0	0	0
Cheverus	Private/Religious	1	8	0	9
St. John's Catholic School	Private/Religious	3	4	0	7
St. Doms Academy	Private/Religious	3	0	0	3
Wiscasset Christian Academy	Private/Religious	0	0	0	0
Auburn School Department	Public	1	0	0	1
Brunswick School Department	Public	2	0	0	2
Falmouth School Department	Public	2	6	0	8
Lewiston School Department	Public	1	0	0	1
Lisbon School Department	Public	4	0	0	4
MSAD 15 Gray-New Gloucester	Public	2	1	0	3
MSAD 16 Poland	Public	0	1	0	1
MSAD 51 Cumberland/No. Yarmouth	Public	2	3	4	9
Yarmouth School Department	Public	0	10	0	10
RSU 17 Oxford Hills	Public	0	1	0	1
Morse High School	Public	0	0	0	0
Maine School of Science & Math	Public	2	1	0	3
Portland Public Schools	Public	0	1	0	1
So. Portland	Public	0	2	0	2
Thornton Academy	Public	0	0	0	0
Total		111	276	52	439

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Migration of Students October 1st 2015 - 2021

Year	Total Number of RSU5 Resident Students Attending Other Schools
2015	388
2016	398
2017	389
2018	379
2019	396
2020	439
2021	405