



March 1, 2024

Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,



Please note important upcoming events set forth below*:

March 1, 2024, Lamoille Union Lady Lancers Basketball Quarter Final Playoff Game, LUHS Gymnasium, 7:00 pm, or Watch on GMATV, click [HERE](#).

March 4, 2024, Cambridge School District Budget Information Meeting, Cambridge Elementary School, 6:00 pm

March 5, 2024, Town Meeting Day, PLEASE VOTE!

March 6, 2024, All LNSU Schools Resume

**Please make sure you check for updated changes or additions to dates of events listed on your school(s) website. Your school website is updated daily.*

Town Meeting Day is fast approaching and this serves as a reminder that **school will resume on Wednesday, March 6, 2024**, the day after Town Meeting!

As you are aware, Governor Scott signed a law aimed at driving down education spending. H.850 repeals the 5% homestead tax rate increase cap created by Act 127 — Vermont's most recent education funding law — and replaces it with a tax discount system limited to districts that lost taxing capacity under the new pupil weighting system. **Lamoille North's district rate has dropped to a 2.65% increase pre-Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), which will be different for each town after the CLA is applied.**

Under the direction of our Communications Director, Rene Thibault, we have prepared a short video that highlights everything you might want to know about our budgets this year. Please take a moment to view it [HERE](#). Our business manager, Deb Clark, does a thorough job of explaining what our budgets represent.

We want to again highlight that more than 75% of all budgets in Lamoille North are student-centric; providing instruction, instruction improvement & alignment, and student supports.

Lamoille North will put budgets in front of voters on Vermont's Town Meeting Day, which this year is March 5, 2024. Our Boards did an excellent job of balancing the opportunities presented under Act 127 to broaden and enrich services for our students without overburdening the statewide education budget and our local communities. They were thoughtful, methodical, and they met with all stakeholders via meetings, where public comment was heard, and for numerous budget presentations. Our Boards have proposed sound, reasonable budgets. And, as we have seen, we cannot predict how our property taxes will behave, but we can influence how our school budgets are developed. Please view our Annual Report [HERE](#).

We are proud to serve in a state that believes every single child deserves an excellent education regardless of their background or zip code. Our budgets align with our constitutional, moral and ethical commitment to provide a high-quality education to our children by focusing on the best interests and needs of our children and families.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Gallagher, M.Ed.
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