



April 12, 2024

Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,



On Monday, March 18, the Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Board approved nearly **\$360,000** in cuts to the LNMUUSD Elementary budget. This number represents a **2.26%** reduction in education spending at the MUUSD elementary level compared to the budget initially presented to voters on Town Meeting Day.

On Tuesday, April 9, the LNMUUSD Board officially warned the Revised FY25 Elementary General Fund Budget of **\$15,995,730** that district taxpayers will vote upon on **Tuesday, April 16**, at their town's typical polling location and time. Similarly, the Board warned a Public Informational Meeting that will occur on **Monday, April 15**, at 6:00 pm in the Community Education Center on the Lamoille Union Campus.

Please see the Revised Elementary School Budget Flyer for FY25 [HERE](#). This Revised FY25 Elementary School Budget includes the budgets for our students in elementary schools in Belvidere, Eden, Hyde Park, Johnson, and Waterville. As you know, our secondary budgets and the budgets for Cambridge and GMTCC all passed.

We acknowledge that property taxes are still a concern, and rightly so; however, we still need to run school systems. There will always be schools to operate, and we have to do what is right for our children, especially given the fact that Vermont is an aging state. If we want students to do well, to live here, and to be able to find jobs that provide them with a living wage, then we need to support them in achieving those goals. We continue to affirm that our budgets are driven by student need; we have not added any new services to this budget. We are simply continuing programming that is necessary for our students.

Lastly, I continue to be so grateful for our Lamoille North community members and the strong relationships we have built together. Your support for our work with your children and youth has been invaluable. Thank you again for your collaboration, compassion, and dedication to the well-being of our students, staff, and families. Your continued support is what makes our community strong.

We encourage you to vote on the elementary school budget on Tuesday, April 16 and thank you for your support of our schools! We hope all of you have a wonderful weekend!

Very truly yours,

Catherine Gallagher, M.Ed.
Superintendent of Schools
Lamoille North Supervisory Union