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Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,



As I am sure you are all aware by now, the FY25 elementary revised budget vote was defeated on Tuesday by a small margin of 414 “no” votes to 366 “yes” votes. The School Board will meet at a special board meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the high school library to discuss next steps and to likely warn a date for another vote and information meeting. Stay tuned!

At the budget information meeting on the night before the vote, community members stated their respect and understanding of the schools’ needs across the elementary schools, but loudly expressed their frustration with the legislators and Montpelier. We acknowledge that property taxes are a concern, and rightly so; however, we still need to run school systems. We continue to affirm that our budgets are driven by student need; we have not added any new services to this budget. We must continue programming that is necessary for our students.



In high school news, **Lamoille Union High School’s, Ian Trombulak, Wins 2024 Vermont High School Counselor of the Year!** At a schoolwide assembly on Friday, March 29th, longtime Lamoille Union High School (LUHS) Counselor, Ian Trombulak, was awarded the 2024 James F. Cawley Vermont High School Counselor of the Year by the Vermont School Counselors Association.

Ian has been a mainstay and consistent voice at LUHS for seven years. He brings a wealth of insight to his department and is seen as one of the guiding voices and representatives of LUHS's ‘heart and soul’. Ian is known for his energy, humor, and deep ability to listen and engage in the counseling setting. “While working as a school counselor and meeting with individual students, Ian doesn’t lose connection with our [LUHS] systems as a whole. He’s always looking for ways to better our building by utilizing his department to do that,” explained LUHS Principal, Bethann Pirie.

Born in Vermont, Ian’s career resume reflects his commitment to supporting and counseling others. After originally attending school with the goal of becoming a teacher, he spent five years working at a group home as a counselor; however, over that time, Ian continued to be drawn to school counseling and ultimately found a home at LUHS. Congratulations, Ian!



In news from Eden Central School, **NBC5 Visits Eden Central School!** Friday morning, NBC5 Meteorologist, Marissa Vigevani, visited Eden Central School (ECS) for a morning of live, local forecasting featuring students from each grade level. The visit was the station's latest 'Weather at Your School' segment, and despite cloudy skies, our students and staff had a great time helping Marissa deliver the morning forecast. Misty McCartney, a fifth-grade teacher at ECS can be credited with orchestrating this visit and gathering students who volunteered to participate. The students had a chance to showcase their weather knowledge and shared some of their plans for April break.

Please visit MyNBC5.com to see a follow-up about their visit to Eden Central School!



In other Eden news, former Eden Central School student, Lamoille Union High School and GMTCC graduate, Nathan Wilson, has been nominated for a New England Emmy Award for this short film documentary, "Souls in the Game". Congratulations, Nathan!

As we head into our April break, I continue to be so grateful for our Lamoille North community members and the strong relationships we have built together. We appreciate your support for our work with your children and youth. Thank you again for your collaboration, compassion and dedication to the wellbeing of our students, staff and families.

We hope all of you have a wonderful spring break!

Very truly yours,

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