

**RSU 63 Board of Directors
Monday, February 24, 2025
6:30pm
Holbrook Middle School
Agenda**

Call Meeting to Order

Flag Salute/Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes for January 27, 2025 Board Meeting

Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Others

Acceptance of Gifts/Donations

1. The Eddington Store donated snacks to the Eddington School
2. North Brewer Eddington United Methodist Church donated socks to the Eddington School.

Presentation

Questions and Comments from the Public

Dates of Next Meetings

1. **Policy Committee Meeting:** March 3, 2025 at 3:30pm, Holbrook Middle School
2. **Budget and Finance Workshop:** March 5, 2025 at 3:30pm, Holbrook Middle School
3. **Budget and Finance Workshop:** March 11, 2025 at 4:00pm, Holbrook Middle School
4. **Board Meeting:** March 24, 2025 at 6:30pm, Holden Elementary School
5. **Budget and Finance Workshop:** March 27, 2025 at 4:00pm, Holbrook Middle School
6. **Curriculum Committee:** TBD
7. **School Consolidation Committee Meeting:** March 8, 2025 at 10:00am, Holden School

Budget and Finance

1. Business Manager Report
2. Budget and Finance Committee Report

Superintendent's Report

Acceptance of Committees', Administrators', Superintendent's, and Board Chair's Reports

Old Business

1. School Consolidation Update

New Business

1. 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

Personnel Actions

1. Resignations/Retirements
 - a. Lisa Beers, 3rd Grade Teacher at Holden School
2. Elections
3. Assignments
4. Reassignments
5. Searches
 - a. Middle School Principal
 - b. Girls Softball Coach – A Team
 - c. Girls Softball Coach – B Team

- d. Boys Baseball Coach – B Team
- e. Special Education Teachers (Eddington and Holbrook)
- f. Elementary Music Teacher
- g. MTSS Teacher (Holbrook)
- h. ELL/MLL Teacher (District)
- i. Speech Language Pathologist (District)
- j. Ed Tech II – Title I/Elementary RTI (Eddington)
- k. Spare Van Driver
- l. Bus Drivers

Adjournment

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RSU #63 Board Meeting
Date: January 27, 2025
Location: Eddington Elementary School
Minutes

RSU 63 Board Member(s) Present:

Town of Holden: Amy Hart, Heather Lander, Derrick Robertson and Cherie Faulkner

Town of Clifton: Linda Graban

Town of Eddington: Rachel Downs, Heather Grass, and Brittany Wood

Linda Graban, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the flag salute and moment of silence.

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass to approve the minutes for the December 16, 2024 Board Meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Other: Superintendent Fulgoni and Zachary Chenier, Transportation Coordinator, both recognized Keith Kennedy, Mechanic, for always going above and beyond in his role in the Transportation Department. Specifically, Mr. Chenier recognized him for coming back to work after leaving for the day on January 15, 2025, in sub-zero temperatures, to fix a bus on the side of the road.

Acceptance of Gifts and Donations: Superintendent Fulgoni thanked the Diane Gray for her donation of hand knitted mittens for the Eddington Elementary School.

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass to accept the gift.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Presentation: None

Questions and Comments from the Public: None

Dates of Next Committee Meetings:

1. **Board Meeting:** February 24, 2025 at 6:30pm, Holbrook Middle School
2. **Budget and Finance Committee:** March 5, 2025 at 3:30pm, Holbrook Middle School
3. **Policy Committee:** February 13, 2025 at 3:15pm, Holbrook Middle School
4. **Curriculum Committee:** February 3, 2025 at 5:00pm, Holbrook Middle School

Budget and Finance: Cherie Faulkner explained that the Committee reviewed the Administrators salaries compared to surrounding districts and found that they are no longer competitive and a large reason it was difficult to fill the Elementary Principal position last year. The Committee requests to the Administrators to open up contract negotiations regarding salaries.

Motion by Derrick Robertson with a second by Heather Lander to request to the Administrators to open up contract negotiations regarding the salary scales.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Fulgoni congratulated the Eddington Elementary School for a successful STEAM night, which had hands-on opportunities for students and parents to explore different resources at Eddington for science, technology, art, and math. He also congratulated the District on its improving attendance numbers, and reiterated that attendance is paramount in a student's success at school.

Acceptance of Reports: Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Lander to accept the written and verbal Committees', Administrators, and Superintendent's Report.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

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Old Business:

School Consolidation Update: The first School Consolidation Committee Meeting was well attended. Superintendent Fulgoni shared that the next meeting will be a school building tour at Eddington Elementary on February 8, 2025 at 10:00am.

Policies to Review, 2nd Reading:

A motion to approve the second reading of Policy BHC – Board Communications and Relationships with Staff was made by Cherie Faulkner and seconded by Derrick Robertson.

Discussion: Heather Lander corrected that the Policy should end in Section C, not Section D.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

A motion to approve the second reading of Policy GBEBB – Staff Conduct with Students was made by Derrick Robertson and seconded by Cherie Faulkner.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

A motion to approve the second reading of Policy BBCB – Use of Social Media/Networking by School Board Members was made by Heather Lander and seconded by Heather Grass.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

New Business:

2025-2026 School Year Calendar:

Superintendent Fulgoni explained that the school year calendars are coordinated with UTC and surrounding school districts and the Transportation Department is also heavily involved in order to ensure routes and times run smoothly. The Teachers' Association will reach out to the Board in order to plan a time to discuss.

Policies to Review, 1st Reading:

A motion to send the following policies back to the Policy Committee for a second reading was made by Cherie Faulkner and seconded by Derrick Robertson: ECAD – Security Camera System, ECAD-R – Security Camera System – Administrative Procedure, EGAD – Copyright Compliance, EGAD-R – Copyright Compliance Administrative Procedure, GCSB – Use of Social Media by School Employees, GCSA – Employee Use of School-Issued Computers, Devices, and the Internet, JICK – Bullying & Cyberbullying, and JICK-R – Bullying & Cyberbullying – Administrative Procedures.

Discussion: Heather Lander, Policy Committee Chair, explained that all of these policy changes are recommended by George Cummings, Technology Coordinator, in order to update the Districts policies with the changing technological landscape.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Personnel Actions

Resignations/Retirements: Robert Meyer, Principal at Holbrook Middle School and Brian White, Special Education Teacher at the Eddington Elementary School.

Elections: None

Appointments: None

Reassignments: None.

Searches: Girls Softball Coach (A Team); Girls Softball Coach (B Team); Long-Term Substitute (4th Grade); Special Education Teacher (Eddington and Holbrook); Elementary Music Teacher; MTSSS Teacher (Holbrook); ELL/MLL Teacher (District); Speech Language Pathologist (District); Ed Tech II (Title I/Elementary RTI); Spare Van Driver; Bus Drivers.

At 6:55pm, motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Rachel Downs to enter into Executive Session for discussion of Superintendent Jared Fulgoni's Evaluation pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Derrick Robertson, Yes; Amy Hart, Yes; Cherie Faulkner, Yes; Heather Lander, Yes; Rachel Downs, Yes; Linda Graban, Yes; Brittany Wood, Yes; Heather Grass, Yes.

Public session resumed at 7:50pm.

A motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass was made to amend the Agenda to add announcement of Sub Committee for Teacher Contract Negotiations

Discussion: none

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Linda Graban, Board Chair, announced that the Board was notified by Brenda DeRoche, Chief Negotiator of the RSU 63 Teachers Association, to commence negotiations for a successor agreement to the current Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement, which expires on August 31, 2025. The Board Negotiations Committee will consist of Linda Graban, Cherie Faulkner, as well as Matthew Campbell and Karen Quimby as consultants for the board due to their former Negotiations Committee experience. Rachel Downs and Brittany Wood commented their disapproval of Matthew Campbell being a consultant. Rachel Downs voiced that he was bull headed, late for meetings, and always drank before negotiations meetings, which he told the Committee. Brittany Wood commented that he came to the meetings stoned and always smelled like pot. Superintendent Fulgoni and Co-Chair Cherie Faulkner both reminded the Board that caution should be taken with comments in a public meeting.

Adjournment: At 7:55pm, motion by Derrick Robertson with a second by Heather Grass to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Respectfully submitted by,

Jared Fulgoni
RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools



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Jared Fulgoni
Superintendent of Schools

Kelly Theriault
Business Manager

Date: February 18, 2025
From: Kelly Theriault
RE: February Board Report

BUDGET & FINANCE

- The committee met on January 27, 2025. We reviewed the current year financials, talked about the FY26 budget process, principal's salaries and some mechanical issues with the new boiler heating system at Holbrook. With potentially multiple principal positions open (both inhouse and in the area), the committee recommends asking the full board to request to the Administrators to open the Administrators bargaining agreement for the purpose of reviewing the Principal salary scales to be more competitive in the region.
- FY26 budget preparation continues. Superintendent Fulgoni and I have met with all the department heads and completed first review on each department. The ED279s are in and initially it looks as though we are receiving more funding than last year, most of which is coming as a result of high special education costs. These are preliminary reports and will continue to be until the state's bi-annual budget is adopted by the legislature.

Audit

- Audit work is continuing. The work for the regular audit is done. There's a lot to do still with the federal compliance audit and reports can't be issued until this work is complete.

Calendar Year End

- We've completed the calendar year end reports; 1095C forms=126, 1094 IRS Transmittal forms=126, W2 forms=157, 1095-MISC=9 and 1095 NES=19.

REPORTS

- Reports completed this month in the business office; MePERS, monthly school nutrition claim, federal reimbursement invoicing, W2, 1099, 1094/1095.

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Warrant Article Summary Financial YTD

Account Number / Description	Revised Budget 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	Current Period 12/1/2024 - 12/31/2024	Reported Period 7/1/2024 - 12/31/2024	Encumbrances 7/1/2024 - 12/31/2024	Amount Remaining 7/1/2024 - 12/31/2024	Percent Remaining 7/1/2024 - 12/31/2024	Last Year Period 7/1/2023 - 12/31/2023
Subtotal Regular Instruction	\$3,022,859	\$229,864	\$1,074,035	\$3,035	\$1,945,789	64%	\$1,038,625
Subtotal REg 9-12	\$3,098,269	\$467,116	\$1,025,322	\$0	\$2,072,947	67%	\$1,018,485
Subtotal Special Education	\$1,971,666	\$179,101	\$615,060	\$39,321	\$1,317,285	67%	\$652,838
Subtotal Staff & Student Sppt	\$675,475	\$52,280	\$314,347	\$2,862	\$358,266	53%	\$279,313
Subtotal Facilities	\$1,859,923	\$137,544	\$1,276,649	\$137,447	\$445,827	24%	\$660,143
Subtotal Transportation	\$647,142	\$45,753	\$274,173	\$11,745	\$361,224	56%	\$284,369
Sub Total Trans to Other Units	\$0	\$181	\$877	\$0	\$(877)	---	\$1,103
Subtotal System Administration	\$534,287	\$33,443	\$269,458	\$4,594	\$260,235	49%	\$246,800
Subtotal School Administration	\$518,505	\$33,454	\$229,058	\$809	\$288,638	56%	\$240,441
Subtotal Other Instrn	\$87,056	\$4,426	\$12,038	\$5,139	\$69,879	80%	\$17,758
Subtotal All Other	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	100%	\$0
Total Expenses	\$1,189,848	\$71,323	\$510,554	\$10,542	\$668,752	56%	\$504,999
Net Revenue over Expense	\$12,465,182	\$1,183,162	\$5,091,017	\$204,952	\$7,169,213	58%	\$4,439,875
Subtotal CTE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	---	\$0
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	---	\$0

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
January 27, 2025
Eddington Elementary School

In Attendance: Members – Cherie Faulkner, Derrick Robertson (5:37), Brittany Wood, Jared Fulgoni, and Kelly Theriault.

FY25 Financials & Hot Lunch

Kelly Theriault, Business Manager, advised hot lunch is normal for this time of year and beginning to balance out. The monthly claim is between \$32,000 to \$36,000.

Budget Timeline

Kelly Theriault discussed the 2026 budget timeline in detail with the Committee. It was decided that Committee should aim for the April 28, 2025 meeting for the board to adopt the budget. Prior to the Board Meeting, the Committee will hold a Budget Informational Meeting to provide details regarding the budget and answer questions from the public. The Committee set May 19, 2025 for Budget Validation Meeting. The District will hold its regular Board Meeting at 6:00pm, followed by the Budget Validation Meeting at 7:00pm. The Referendum Vote is Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

Budget Workshop dates are set for the following:

March 5, 2025 at 3:30pm
March 11, 2025 at 4:00pm
March 27, 2025 at 4:00pm

Principal Salaries

The District anticipates two open principal positions for the 2026 School Year. In the search last year, RSU 63's pay scale was not favorable for experienced candidates and after research, it was found we are on the lower end of scales in the area. The Committee will ask the Board to consider requesting the Administrators open the bargaining agreement for salary negotiations. The negotiation committee to be set by the board.

Facilities and Transportation

The boiler at Holbrook Middle School was experiencing issues, however it was a design issue and not with the boiler itself.

Other

The State of Maine released the ED 279 report and the District will receive more than anticipated. However, this was just the first iteration; it is subject to change based on the finalized State of Maine budget. Special Education had a significant impact on the increase.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2025 at 3:30pm (anticipated to be budget workshop only), Holbrook Middle School.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:03pm



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Jared Fulgoni
Superintendent of Schools

Kelly Theriault
Business Manager

TO: RSU 63 BOARD of DIRECTORS
FROM: JARED FULGONI, SUPT OF SCHOOLS
RE: REPORT TO BOARD
DATE: 02/19/54

Recently the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), released the results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, or as it is more commonly known – The Nation’s Report Card.

The top state in the Nation is again Massachusetts. New Hampshire scored 4th. Maine scored a dismal 42nd. The student demographics of Maine and New Hampshire are very similar, yet our results are starkly different. So -what can we learn from our higher achieving neighbors, and what is RSU 63 doing to improve student performance?

The Institute of Educational Sciences and the Education Commission of the States have analyzed the policies and practices in each state and found that higher scoring states, and states that have shown improvement have things in common.

1. Consistent focused instruction on literacy- with rigorous state academic curriculum standards.
2. Professional Development for teachers on reading and early literacy.
3. Investment in, and commitment to early childhood educational opportunities.

In RSU 63 we have spent considerable work revising, and aligning our curriculums implementing a consistent literacy program across the district.

We initiated curriculum teams and have given teachers professional training on the new literacy program.

RSU 63 has expanded its pre-K program to two full time, five-day-a-week classrooms.

But there is still a lot of work to be done. At the State level, Maine must address its commitment to education through; more rigorous state standards, addressing the states minimum length of school day and school year, and address the teacher shortages and funding formula.

I am proud of the work that continues here in RSU63, and I am confident that our students will continue to grow and improve.

Holbrook School

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Holbrook School Principal's Report February 2025

Enrollment:

Grade 5	49
Grade 6	43
Grade 7	38
<u>Grade 8</u>	<u>46</u>
Total	176

Dear Members of the School Board,

The eighth-grade students traveled to Brewer High on February 5th and John Bapst on February 7th for the step-up day activities offered by each school. 8th grade students who are interested in attending Hampden Academy and Bangor High School will work with Mrs. Estes to set up a day and time to shadow a student from those area high schools. This is an exciting time for our 8th grade students but it can also lead to a very stressful spring as students work to meet application requirements and deadlines. Mrs. Estes works closely with every eighth grader to keep all options open and minimize student anxiety.

On February 11th grade 6 students took part in a field trip where they went ice fishing and on a winter ecology walk with the Acadia National Park rangers along with a few of their teachers. All teachers and students reported that they had a fun and educational time on the field trip!

In March, 5th graders will be going on a field trip to the Williams Family Farm in Clifton where they grow and harvest wild blueberries and produce maple syrup and honey. The Holbrook 5th graders will learn more about the farm and how maple syrup is produced.

Winter Co-curricular activities were in full swing for February. Our teams displayed positive sportsmanship and represented our school and community well.

The chess team placed 4th in the PVML chess tournament that took place on February 1st at the Glenburn Middle School. The team had a great season and a good time playing several rounds of chess in the tournament. Thank you to Mr. Dan Duran for all the help and support this season.

The A boys team played against Orrington in the final B Flight tournament on February 11th at Hampden Academy. Two injuries were sustained but it was still a very close and competitive game. The boys B team played against Bangor Christian on Saturday, February 1st in Glenburn

at the PVML B tournament. Thank you to Mr. Gene Worcester for all the help and support this season for both boys' basketball teams.

The A girls team ended their 2024-2025 winter season on February 6th with a game against Glenburn. The A girls team dealt with a lot of team illness the last two weeks of their season. Thank you to Mr. Dennis Whitney for all the help and support this season. The B girls team played against Glenburn on Saturday, February 1st in Glenburn at the PVML B tournament. They won this game and continued on to the semifinals on Tuesday, February 4th vs. Caravel at Glenburn. Thank you to Mr. Tommy Tardiff for all the help and support this season.

Spring sign-ups for baseball, softball, and chess are posted out in front of the upstairs office at Holbrook. Students and parents will need to make sure they have all paperwork on file to participate.

Sincerely,

Michele R Archambault
Acting Principal
Holbrook Middle School



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It is with great pleasure and pride that I submit my January board report on behalf of the students and staff at Holden Elementary School. The current enrollment is 145, with 49 students in Second, 53 in Third, and 43 in Fourth.

With February winding down, spring will be here before we know it. February 6 was the 100th day of school for students in the district. This month, the students received incentives for their fantastic work on the IReady Reading and Math Diagnostic assessments. On February 14, the students enjoyed a movie that they chose.

Skiing and Snowboarding continues with the Holbrook Recreation Department. The students who take part enjoy their time and always share stories the next day when they return.

The Holden Police is sending the Holden School to the Maine Discovery Museum. We continue working with the museum to coordinate a date and time that works for our schedules, but we hope it will happen in early March.

The Fourth graders will be going to the planetarium at the University of Maine as part of their Science curriculum. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students.

This month, I have been working on conducting observations for teachers at Holden and the Holbrook Schools. With a lot of illness going through the schools, I have also covered classes as our substitutes were busy in other schools or unavailable that day. I have also been helping students in the Special Education room while the teacher is out for IEP meetings. I continue to support teachers by listening to their needs and wants in the classrooms to provide the best quality education for students.

Respectfully Submitted
Timothy M. Baker
Principal Holden and Eddington Schools



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Eddington School Assistant Principal Report 1-27-25

Eddington Enrollment

PreK: 30

K: 28

1st: 58

Total: 116

Kindergarten and pre-K enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. So far, we have received completed registration packets for seven pre-K students.

We are also fortunate to have two 100-Hour students from UMaine who have chosen to complete their placements in two of our first-grade classrooms.

On Thursday, February 6th, we celebrated the 100th Day of School! Students and staff dressed as though they were 100 years old, sporting gray hair, velour suits, bathrobes, and canes. It was a fun and festive day. The students also engaged in a variety of fun and educational activities centered around the number 100. These included counting to 100 with objects like blocks and stickers, collecting 100 small items for projects, writing about what they would do with \$100 or imagining what they would be like at 100 years old, playing math games, creating art projects with 100 items, and enjoying a special snack or celebration.

On Friday, February 13th, we had our Valentine's Day celebrations. Students created a candy heart graph, wrote about things they love, and made Valentine's Day seed paper to plant. They also delivered valentines and participated in STEM centers using Indi robots and Spheros. Many classes concluded the day with a Valentine's party to celebrate.



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Additionally, the Eddington Store generously donated 14 large boxes of various snacks to support students in need. We are truly grateful for their kindness. We also received a generous donation of socks from the North Brewer-Eddington United Methodist Church. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive community!

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Stephanie McLean
Assistant Principal
Eddington School



Regional School Unit 63
Office of Special Services
Clifton, Eddington, and Holden

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Director of Special Services Report February 2025

For the 2024-2025 school year, the Special Education Department is currently serving **237** students, broken down as follows:

Individualized Education Plans (IEPS):	139
504s:	89
Currently in Referral Process:	9
Total Number of Students:	237

School/Level	IEPs	504s
High Schools:	37	55
Holbrook:	36	18
Holden:	43	11
Eddington:	23	5

The past month has been a busy one. I have continued to have daily meetings around the district and area high schools. Also, I have been working closely with the Eddington administration and staff to ensure a smooth transition that will meet the needs of all students. I feel so fortunate to have such a supportive team of administrators that are willing to do whatever is needed to support the special education program and its students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carmen Rioux

Director of Special Services



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February 24, 2025

Dear Members of the Board,

In January our students completed a formative diagnostic assessment for Math and Reading. This is a very valuable tool for teachers and students. In last month's Board Report I provided information on what the diagnostic is.

How do we use the results?

Districtwide- We are able to look at the data to see what percentage of students are performing on, above or below grade level in different domains of standards. This allows us to determine which set of standards we need to prioritize. We are using this data to help us set district goals and plan learning experiences for leaders and teachers while also using the data to adjust the curriculum. We will be analyzing how the implementation of the curriculum is going by comparing diagnostic data results from previous diagnostic assessments and making the appropriate adjustments in order to provide the best instruction for our students.

Schoolwide- We are able to look at the data to see what percentage of students are performing on, above or below grade level in different domains of standards. During grade level meetings we analyze how the implementation of the curriculum is going by comparing diagnostic data results from previous diagnostic assessments and identify bright spots as well as areas of focus. Schools/grade levels will be creating action plans using the data to improve growth for students. During grade level MTSS meetings the data is also used (with other points of data) as a data point to determine the need for Tier II/Tier III interventions as well as SPED referrals.

In the classroom- Each classroom teacher is able to look at the data to see what percentage of students are performing on, above or below grade level in different domains of standards. The program organizes students into groups based on the standards that have been identified as areas of focus and also provides lessons/activities for the teacher to use so they may provide explicit instruction for students in small groups or independently. The program provides resources to track student progress towards grade level proficiency of the standards.

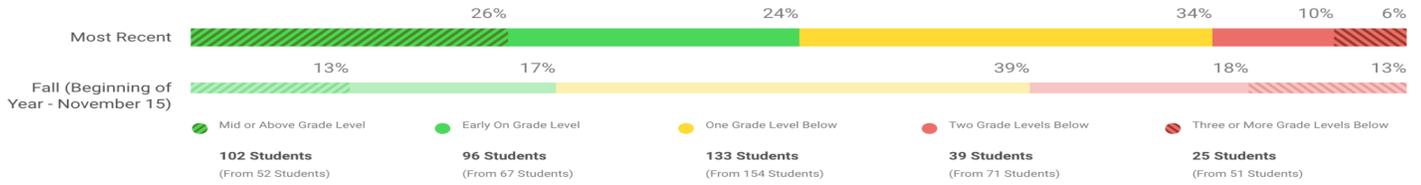
We are very pleased with the results as they show our students have made great growth in both areas. Our students have made significant growth in both reading and math (see below).

Reading-

- In the fall 30% of our students scored at or above grade level. Now 50% of our students scored at or above grade level.
- 31% of students in the Fall scored 2 or more grade levels below. Now only 16% of our students scored 2+ grade levels below.
- One focus in Grades K-2 is to continue to increase Phonological Awareness and phonics skills.
- One focus in the higher grades is vocabulary strategies across content areas

Overall Placement

Students Assessed/Total: 395/439



[The Mapping Between 5-Level and 3-Level Placements](#)

Placement by Domain

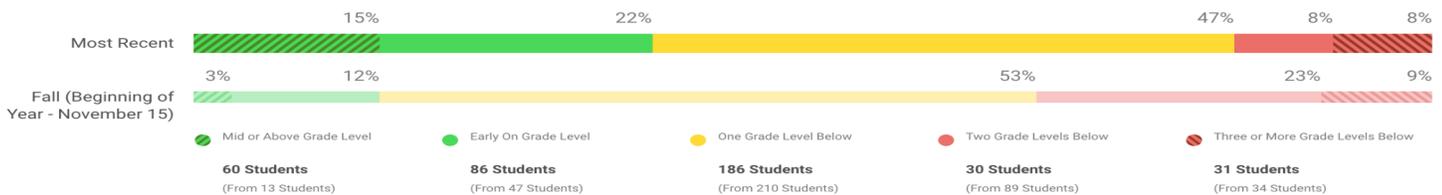


Math-

- In the fall 15% of our students scored at or above grade level. Now 37% of our students scored at or above grade level.
- 32% of students in the Fall scored 2 or more grade levels below. Now only 16% of our students scored 2+ grade levels below.
- One of our focuses is number sense skills based on the Number and Operations domain. Another focus is on math vocabulary strategies for students (integrating the reading domain results)

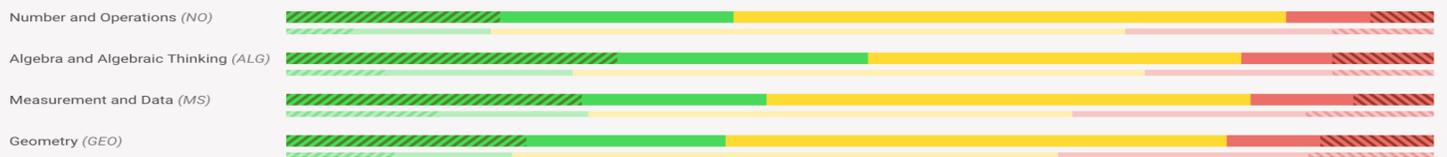
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Students Assessed/Total: 393/440



[The Mapping Between 5-Level and 3-Level Placements](#)

Placement by Domain



Sincerely,
 Tina Dumond
 Director of Curriculum and Instruction



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To: RSU 63 Board of Directors
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Date: February 14, 2025
Re: Monthly Report

I submit this report to the School Board of Directors for February 2025.

District Website

Work continues on the development of the new RSU 63 website in the Finalsite platform. While our web content and pages were being migrated over, I attended many of the online training modules available through Finalsite learning. These modules consist of the following:

Accessibility: How the Finalsite platform helps you stay in compliance with accessibility guidelines
Resources: File management with documents and images
Composer: Page layout and content management tools
Posts: News and announcements
Calendars: Event management
Users: Roles and permissions

I've also gone through the process of getting approved to have our RSU 63 mobile app listed in Google's and Apple's App Store when it's ready.

Respectfully submitted,

February Board Report 2025
Ryan Porter – Facilities/Maintenance Manager

Holbrook:

I spent the last 2 weeks at Holden covering for day custodian while he was sick. Busy cleaning and disinfecting the school. Snow removal. Air & Water Quality came over to do the yearly service and change out water filters. Mechanical Services came over to install the new heater coil in the cafeteria heater that blew a few weeks ago. Everything is running as it should.

Holden:

Spent all week at Holden covering for day custodian. Busy cleaning and disinfecting. Mechanical Services installed circulator pump #6 again after being rebuilt. Pulled a night custodian from Holbrook to come work nights as the night custodian is also out sick all week. Snow removal.

Eddington:

I spent all week at Holden covering for day custodian while he was sick. Busy cleaning and disinfecting the school. Snow removal.

The last 2 weeks, we have had 2-3 custodians out each week. Trying to keep ends meet by moving people around to cover their duties.



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Clifton

Eddington

Holden

To RSU 63 Board of Education:

Please accept this report for the month of February for the department of Transportation. We currently have 3 spares still in the fleet. Pretty quiet around transportation. It's been a snowy February; Half days and 2-hour delays and our first snow day of 2025! Crazy!!

We currently have 5 bus slips for the month of February. Drivers remind their students daily to be respectful and safe on our buses.

There has been an uptick in drivers reporting Car going through their red lights. This has been a huge issue in Eddington on Rt 9 and Rt 178. We are working with local law enforcement to see if we can fix this issue. Just this month we have had 6 cars run our red lights.

We are still looking for A bus driver and a Spare van driver. Hoping to find people so that our students aren't on the bus for longer than what they need to be.

As always driving safe,
Zach Chenier
Transportation Director

School Consolidation Committee Meeting Notes
February 8, 2025
Eddington School Tour

RSU 63 Committee Members Present: Heather Grass and Linda Graban

RSU 63 Committee Members Absent: Derek Robertson

Others Present: Cherie Faulkner, RSU 63 School Board Vice Chair; Jared Fulgoni, RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools; Ryan Porter, RSU 63 Facilities/Maintenance Manager; Timothy Baker, Elementary School Principal; Stephanie McLean, Elementary School Assistant Principal; several citizens and parents from Clifton and Holden.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

Introductions were made and a brief explanation of the purpose of the Committee and tour of Eddington School.

1. **Walk Around Grounds and Building:** Ryan Porter led the group in a walk around the outside of the school, including the boiler and grounds. The group also toured all the rooms inside the school. Discussion took place during the tour regarding the amount of acreage, the possible opportunity to purchase property behind the school, the fact that Eddington School uses city water, the below ground boiler that needs to be replaced and moved above ground and the detached classroom that is currently being used for before and after school care. It was pointed out that this is the only school building in the town of Eddington in which school and other community activities often take place inside and outside of the school.
2. **Estimated Valuation of Building:** Brief discussion of the estimated value.
3. **School Assessment Summary by Priority; Carpenter Associates November 2019:** Jeff Thurlow reviewed the 2019 Carpenter Associations School Summary. Ryan Porter noted the items on the assessment that had been completed.
4. **Enrollment Projection vs Actual Enrollment:** Review of the decline of student enrollment and future projection.
5. **Record of Traffic Accidents on RT 9 (2020-2025):** Review documents from Maine DOT regarding traffic accidents near Eddington School. It was noted that all the reported accidents were vehicles off the road and no major accidents. Mention was also made regarding the new road and (I-395 connector) completion and the impact on less traffic where school is located.
6. **Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held at Holden School to tour the building and grounds there on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 10:00 am.
7. **Adjournment:** 11:26am

APPROVED:

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RSU #63 2025-2026 School Calendar

JULY						
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Open House
August 25: Eddington
 2:15 - 3:00
August 26: Holden & Holbrook
 2:00 - 3:00

Student Days = 3
 Teacher Days = 6
First Day School: August 27th
FX: Teacher Classroom Flex Day: 8/19-8/21

Student Days = 21
 Teacher Days = 21

OCTOBER						
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175 Pupil Days
 8 Early Release Days
 6 Professional Days
 1 (Teacher) Exchange Day
 1 (Teacher) Classroom Flex Day

Student Days = 15
 Teacher Days = 16 (+1 X)
***Parent Teacher Conferences:**
 November 24th & 25th

Student Days = 17
 Teacher Days = 17

JANUARY						
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Progress/Report Cards Out
 December 3rd, 2025
 March 27, 2026
 Day of School - mailed home

Student Days = 15
 Teacher Days = 15

Student Days = 21
 Teacher Days = 22

APRIL						
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Key

N	New Staff Day
FD	First Day Students
V	Vacation Day
H	Holiday
ER	Early Release
X	Exchange Day
P	Professional Day
FX	Teacher Flex Day
LD	Last Day of School - Early
LDSD	In Snow Days
	Chris Greeley Day of Ser

End of Trimester:
 November 14, 2025
 March 12, 2026
 June 8, 2026

***Parent Teacher Conferences**

November 24	1:00pm-6:00pm	All Schools
November 25	1:00pm-6:00pm	All Schools

3 Snow Days are included. Tentative last day if June 12, 2026. Professional Day will be June 15, 2026.
 If there are no snow days, the last day will be June 9, 2026 and Professional Day will be June 10, 2026.