

Governor Wentworth Regional School District
Superintendent District Update
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Election Results

On behalf of the school district, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in this year's election. Your engagement and commitment to our schools are invaluable. We are pleased to announce and congratulate the following individuals on their election to the School Board:

- **Nathan Williams** – Effingham Seat
- **Danielle Van Dusen** – Ossipee Seat
- **Brodie Deshaies** – At-Large Seat

Additionally, we are thrilled that the community has shown strong support for several key initiatives:

- **Approval of the Support Staff (GWSSA) and Administration (GWAT) Collective Bargaining Agreements**
- **Approval of funds for repairs and maintenance**
- **Approval to expand meals eligibility for our students**

Unfortunately, the **budget proposal did not pass, failing by just four votes**. The subsequent recount confirmed the result.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our school district. Your participation helps shape the future of our schools and ensures that we can continue to serve our students effectively.

Students and Staff Last Day of School

By the time this is announced, I hope to confirm that the last day of school for students will remain a half day on Wednesday, June 18th, with the last day for staff on Friday, June 20th. As we enter the final stretch of the school year, I know many of you are eager to finalize plans. While our calendar currently reflects June 18th as the last day for students, we aren't quite ready to make it official just yet—last year's unexpected April snowstorm reminds us that anything can happen! We will continue to monitor the forecast and expect to confirm the final date within the next week or so. Thank you for your patience, and we look forward to welcoming spring with you all!

Dr. Katey Hills - New Assistant Superintendent

I am pleased to share that Dr. Katey Hills has been appointed as our new Assistant Superintendent. This decision followed a thorough process that included staff and family input

sessions, as well as a committee made up of parents, school board members, and staff. Dr. Hills was selected as the finalist and officially approved by the board at their March meeting.

Dr. Hills has been a dedicated leader in our district for the past 13 years, serving as our Director of Curriculum. Her deep understanding of our schools, strong relationships with staff, and extensive expertise in curriculum, instruction, and assessment make her exceptionally well-prepared for this role. She has also been instrumental in initiatives such as ParentSquare, strengthening communication across our district. We are excited to have her leadership in this new capacity as we continue to support and grow our schools.

With Dr. Hills moving into this new role, we now shift our focus to filling the Director of Curriculum position. If you have input on goals or priorities for this new leader, we welcome your thoughts at sau49@sau49.org.

Strategic Plan Updates: Wellness, Culture of Belonging, & Communications

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance communication and culture in alignment with the strategic plan, the Parent Advisory will begin developing a comprehensive communication plan over the next couple of meetings. Additionally, the Equity Task Force is preparing to present the results of the equity audit and will finalize their plan this spring. Given budget constraints and our inability to hire a new Student Wellness Coordinator due to the default budget, we will recalibrate our approach to student wellness initiatives. However, we remain committed to assessing wellness by surveying the administrative team before the end of the school year. The results of this analysis will be shared with the board to ensure continued progress in supporting student well-being.

Overnight Field Trip Notifications

[KRHS World Language to Puerto Rico 4/24/2025 - 5/3/2025](#)

[KRHS Baseball to Myrtle Beach 4/3 - 4/6](#)

[KRHS Theater to Gilford Festival 4/11 - 4/12](#)

[KRHS Youth & Government Club to Concord 4/11 - 4/12](#)

[KRHS World Language-French to France 4/24 - 5/1](#)