



Regional School Unit #34

Alton, Bradley, and Old Town

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Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Highlights

- Big changes are underway with the state assessments; the state has cut ties with the vendor responsible for eMPowerME and school-day SAT, and negotiations are underway with another vendor for a computer-adaptive test. At the moment the federal expectations are basically those of a “normal” year, so we anticipate testing math and ELA in grades 3-8 and the third year of high school. Science assessment is also changing to a different vendor, and the testing frequency may change from grades 5, 8, and 3rd year of high school to grades 3 through 8 and the 3rd year of high school. There is still discussion of possible federal waivers for the current testing schedule.
- Our River Runners youth at OTHS and LMS are excited to share their November newsletter. Get it here! <https://5il.co/nojh>
River Runners is inspired by Trekkers, Inc. and their 10 Youth Programming Principles and is part of the Emanuel and Pauline A. Lerner Foundation's Aspirations Incubator Program (a pilot initiative focused on establishing long-term, mentoring-based youth development models in eight rural communities and small cities across Maine).

OTHS STEM Leaders Program and Honors Diploma Program Highlights

- Our OTHS students have been engaged in service and internship efforts, led by Mrs. Gardner. A number of the students are participating in efforts related to elementary device access and elementary robotics.
- As we soon begin the new year, focus for our seniors will shift to their capstone projects!

ESEA Programs (Title IA, IIA, IVA)

- Elementary school parents/caregivers, we seek your input! RSU #34 has some dedicated grant funds at the elementary school level, focused on engaging families in education. Please let us know your thoughts here! <https://forms.gle/moeyjGv4JbpHDYQ77>
- In January 2021 RSU #34 will begin planning for the 2021-2022 ESEA program applications and budget, in parallel with the development of the local budget. For more information about how to be involved in the process, please email Jon.Doty@rsu34.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Every student deserves to make continuous progress in school.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Doty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jon" and last name "Doty" clearly distinguishable.

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