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**Administrator School Board Update  
12/14/21**

**Staff update:**

- A group of five Pond Cove staff members, including the principal and assistant principal, attended part 1 of a school climate/culture workshop via Zoom on December 8. This same team will attend part two of the work session on December 15.

Maintaining focus on a positive school climate and culture is extremely important for us right now. At the workshop our school team had the opportunity to talk with staff from several other Maine school districts. It was validating to hear that these schools are facing similar challenges as we all navigate this school year during the pandemic.

Our school team will share what we have learned with the full staff at a later professional development session and implement some new strategies at Pond Cove.

**Facility update:**

- As we head into the winter months, we are beginning to see the consequences of using a sand/salt mix to improve traction on our walkways and entryways. Using the sand creates a very messy situation. The sand is tracked into our school on the boots of staff and students at an overwhelming rate. This results in mud being tracked through our hallways, stairways, and classrooms. When this happens, our school is very messy, and in some cases slippery, regardless of how hard our amazing custodians try to keep up with it. It is my hope that we can transition to a more appropriate ice melting product for this application.

**Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment update**

- Pond Cove teachers recently reviewed the reading standards found on our kindergarten through grade four report cards. As a result, we have decided to change the format of the information in order to create a more user friendly card for parents/caregivers. Parents/caregivers will be able to view their child's report

card on the afternoon of February 4 via PowerSchool. We hope that these new revisions will be considered an improvement.

### **Celebrate the Good**

- Our second COVID vaccine clinic for students ages 5-11 was held on December 10. The entire Pond Cove community worked together to provide a calm and safe experience for all students involved. Several staff members were able to receive their COVID booster shot at the clinic as well. Some of our staff were dressed in fun costumes and students were encouraged to bring a stuffed animal from home.

### **Upcoming events**

- December 23-31: Holiday Break
- January 12: Early Release for Students/PD for Staff
  - K-5 Curriculum Vertical Alignment Workshop for Teachers
  - Dreambox Data Analysis Training for Staff
- February 4: Parents will have the ability to view winter report cards via Powerschool.