



Regional School Unit #34

Alton, Bradley, and Old Town

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February 19th, 2020 – Report to the Board

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Highlights

- Our River Runners students look forward to presenting to the full Board in March about their activities and goals. Also in March we'll have a joint dinner meeting at LMS with representatives of the RSU, YMCA, and Lerner Foundation Boards from 4:30 – 6:30. It should be a great exchange of ideas. Board reps: Laura Sanborn, _____,

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).

- We are gearing up for state testing “season” (eMPowerME in grades 3-8, MEA Science in grades 5/8, school-day SAT and MEA Science in the 3rd year of high school), and alternate assessments.
- Much thanks to Mrs. Saban for her hard work to conduct the WIDA/ACCESS assessment for English Language Learners, and to the IT Department for supporting her work (most grades use a computer-based test).
- Much thanks to the 3rd grade team and Chapter 104 staff for launching into a new version of the Cognitive Abilities Test this year, and to Brenda Dahlbergh for behind-the-scenes work to make it a success.
- Planning is underway for a regional professional development opportunity on March 20th (focused on Social-Emotional Learning), and for our summer Teaching & Leading Academy hosted at Old Town High School.
- Thanks to AES staff (Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Vafiades, Mrs. Wilcox, Ms. Harper, Mrs. Daniel) for putting on an engaging day-before-vacation effort with our Giant Map of Europe and Virtual Reality goggles!

Every student deserves to make continuous progress in school.



OTHS STEM Leaders Program and Honors Diploma Program Highlights

- We have forty (40!) juniors seeking to earn our diplomas of extra distinction. Please keep an eye and ear out for internship opportunities and let me and/or Mrs. Brenda Gardner know when things come your way.

Title IA/IIA/IVA Programs

- Much behind-the-scenes work is underway completing our ESEA Monitoring cycle (every district gets a turn), and preparing to apply to conduct Title I programming through “Schoolwide Authority” at each of our elementary schools.
- RSU #34 is conducting needs assessment and planning for federal programs (Titles IA, IIA, IVA); parent and community involvement is sought and welcomed! In particular planning is underway for our three elementary schools to conduct Title IA services through “Schoolwide Authority” rather than the current “Targeted Assistance Model.” Please contact Jon.Doty@rsu34.org for information about how to be involved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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