

# Curriculum News

## RSU No. 67

A newsletter for teachers, staff, and RSU No. 67 board about curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

<p><b>Resources:</b> <a href="#">Free printouts for a variety of topics and ages</a> <a href="#">Systems of Strategic Actions- ELA Resource</a> <a href="#">Skills are Built</a> <a href="#">Article from ASCD on Close Reading</a></p> <p><b>Service Learning:</b> If you have an idea for a service-learning project, please fill out the <a href="#">shortened application</a>. We still have some funds available to support new projects.</p> <p><b>Mentors/Mentees:</b> A reminder that our next mentor advisory meeting is February 27th at 3 in the district office. We will be working on our mentor support handbooks for each building, as well as learning some specific strategies for giving feedback to adults.</p> <p><b>Opportunity for Kids:</b> Maine DOE is sponsoring a Bus Safety Poster Contest. Check out this <a href="#">link for more information</a>.</p>	<p><b>Maine Bicentennial Curriculum Opportunity:</b> “The Maine Department of Education (DOE), in collaboration with the Maine Bicentennial Commission (<a href="#">maine200.org</a>) and the <a href="#">Maine Historical Society</a>, has launched an online resource designed to help Maine teachers integrate Maine’s Bicentennial into their classrooms. The Bicentennial Curriculum Initiative enables educators to share their own lesson plans, download lesson plans created by other Maine teachers, and access new curriculum resources and primary documents related to Maine, its history, and culture. This Initiative is supported by funding from Jane’s Trust and the Maine Bicentennial Commission” (Maine DOE Media Release, February 4, 2020).</p> <p><b>Teacher Evaluation Information:</b> Many people are in the last year of their teacher evaluation cycle. Please take the time to review your growth goals, upload evidence into the system, and complete some reflections to show your updated progress. Also, be sure to schedule an observation with your administrator if you have not had one yet.</p> <p><b>Wellness Committee:</b> Thank you all who participated in the wellness challenge before February vacation. The committee received some great ideas for moving forward. Please hold March 31st on your calendar for the annual wellness fair at MA from 5-7. We will have vendors from throughout the community sharing information, as well as prizes for those who attend. Anthem is getting ready to launch their Spring into Motion challenge. <a href="#">Here is a flyer for more information</a>.</p> <p><b>Testing Updates:</b> The MEA testing window begins March 16th for grades 3-8. Be on the lookout for upcoming training sessions and more information as the date draws closer. Anyone who is going to be proctoring the test must complete a training and sign a test security agreement.</p>
<p><b>Trauma-Informed/Social Emotional Resources:</b> The district committee is continually updating the district <a href="#">site with information and resources</a>. Another <a href="#">great site</a> from the DOE on creating a trauma-informed site.</p> <p><b>Professional Library:</b> A reminder the district has a professional library. If you are interested in a specific book or books on a specific topic, please let me know.</p>	<p><b>Professional Development Opportunity:</b> There will be a social studies standards presentation on March 12th at Hampden Academy from 8-3. If you would like to participate, please contact me to register you, as well as filling in the workshop request form at your building. The DOE SS Representative, Joe Schmidt, will be discussing the implementation of the new social studies standards and have teams review next steps for their district.</p> <p><b>Site-based PD:</b> There are monthly tech help sessions after school. The next one is March 26 at 3 at the junior high. All are welcome to attend. If you are interested in sharing information with colleagues in a PD session, please let me know.</p>