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Maranacook Area Schools, Facilities Bond Referendum - October 22, 2018

The month of October has been a busy time in RSU #38. Numerous activities and events are happening for our students at all levels. However, one of the most talked about topics has been the proposed Facilities Improvement Bond. This letter is the beginning of the process of sharing information around the reasoning for the bond request. I want to let the public know we have appreciated your patience as we work through some very important steps at the School Board level to be ready to share with the stakeholders in our RSU #38 communities.

Back in the fall 2017, the School Board hired Oak Point Associates to conduct a Facilities Analysis Report, which the school department received March 28, 2018. The 300 page report (which is available by contacting the Superintendent's Office) details maintenance work that will need to be considered up to 20 years into the future. The Board Facilities Committee was tasked with identifying the immediate building concerns along with forecasting forward upcoming projects. After taking time to prioritize the information in the report the Board decided to give priority to several projects which include: a new heating system at Manchester Elementary School, a new boiler and septic system at Wayne Elementary School, water storage tank replacement at Maranacook Middle school, a new roof and structural upgrades at Maranacook High School, as well as paving projects in Mount Vernon, Readfield, Wayne, and the Maranacook campus.

The bond is a significant investment in our school facilities. We acknowledge there are many questions that need to be addressed in order to fully support this investment. That being said, this letter is a first step in a larger plan to provide information to our communities. One important requirement that I would like to share is the upcoming public meetings which are scheduled as follows:

- Manchester Elementary School - November 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
- Mt. Vernon Elementary School - November 28, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
- Wayne Elementary School - December 4, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
- Maranacook Community High School - December 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

We look forward to upcoming discussion opportunities to communicate building needs, the work process, the impact on communities, future maintenance work, the bond process, as well as an opportunity to answer your questions and concerns. More information will be coming through various sources including newsletters, the district web page, the district Facebook page, and the public meetings.

Sincerely,
Jay Charette
Superintendent of Schools