

**To: The Northfield Selectmen, the Northfield School Committee and the Citizens of Northfield.**

For most people, this has been a very difficult year as we all live through the COVID pandemic. It has also been a very challenging year for our students, parents and staff. The AOS 96 schools worked diligently to implement all Maine CDC requirements and recommendations to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Unlike most schools in our country, AOS 96 schools have remained open for most of the school year and for the most part, have been open 5 days a week. I thank all of our students, parents and staff for working cooperatively to make the best of the 2020/2021 school year.

The students that live in the Town of Northfield have school choice preK-12. Northfield students attend the Rose M. Gaffney School, Elm Street School, Washington Academy and Machias Memorial High School. AOS 96 is comprised of seven elementary schools and one high school. If any citizens have questions about AOS 96 schools, please contact the Building Principal. As Superintendent of Schools, I am responsible for the students in eleven area towns.

The proposed 2021/2022 school budget for the Town of Northfield is \$341,557.00 which is \$161.00 more than last year. This budget reflects no increase in the tax commitment for education compared to the 2020/2021 school budget due to using \$38,987.22 in fund balance.

Each year it is a pleasure to work with the Northfield School Committee. Rebecca Hennessey, Abby Frutchey and Sandi Anderson are very supportive and always have the best interest of students in mind when they make decisions.

I also thank the Northfield Selectmen for their steadfast support of the Northfield School Department.

I welcome the citizens of Northfield to stop by my office anytime with questions or concerns. Thank you for your support of the Northfield School Department.

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