

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

When I wrote the Northfield Annual Report last year it was my hope that our schools would be back to normal, but as we all know now, with Fall came an increase in covid cases which caused school closures here and across the State. It has been a difficult year for everyone, but we have high hopes for the 22/23 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 2022/2023 school budget is \$359,459.00, which reflects an increase of \$17,902.00 compared to last year. This increase is primarily due to higher secondary tuition and transportation costs. Even though expenditures have increased, the tax commitment will remain the same by using \$56,601.04 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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