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Chair's Report December 2023

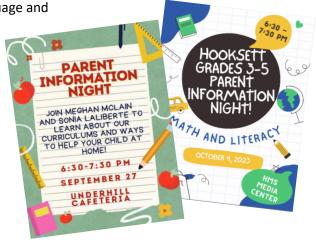


"Parent information night" presentations reprised at the December 19 School Board meeting

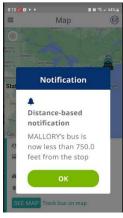
Hooksett School District staff do creative, inspiring work to reach students with educational content that addresses their unique skills, challenges, and interests. School Board Members see this firsthand having children/grandchildren in the district, or taking opportunities to tour schools and visit with staff, administrators, and students. Staff continue to hone their craft with new programs, techniques, and interventions based on data and observation. I was reminded that many employees pursue continuing education in an unexpected way this week, when looking over invoices for the "review the manifest" responsibility of a School Board Member before every biweekly check run. Several had completed courses and submitted materials for reimbursements.

The evolving approach to education is a huge and important topic, and I encourage you to see a presentation about it at our December School Board meeting.

This fall, the district offered presentations regarding language and mathematics curriculum, presented as "Parent Information Nights" at the schools. Parents have observed that topics are taught differently than when they attended school, and some have had challenges supporting their students at home. These presentations were created to provide context and support parents. I attended the presentation at Memorial, and it was one of the most informative and compelling summaries of the philosophy, research, and execution of new learning models that I've seen. If you missed these presentations in the fall, you'll have a chance to stream a condensed version at the School Board meeting!







Bus Tracking is coming!

School families will be happy to get access to the FirstView bus tracking application before the end of year. As part of the new transportation contract with First Student, the SAU 15 School Board (Hooksett, Auburn, Candia) required the transportation provider to the bus tracking service. We appreciate the efforts of our school and SAU administrators who worked to sort out bus routes this fall, and piloted the tracking software in preparation for broader roll-out. The software shows the bus location on a map, and can notify you when the bus approaches a specified map location.

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Respectfully submitted,

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