

## 2026-27 School Year Budget Update

The Rollinsford School Board (RSB) held four public budget meetings throughout October and November. We appreciate all residents who attended and shared their perspectives. On December 3rd, the RSB presented the latest version of the proposed 2026-27 school year budget to the Rollinsford Budget Committee. At this time, **the RSB does not anticipate an expenditure increase in the 2026-27 proposed budget compared to the current year's adopted budget.**

The 2026-27 proposed budget includes smaller building maintenance items for Rollinsford Grade School and an update to the security system. The process for larger, anticipated projects is discussed on page two of this newsletter.

Looking ahead, the RSB will host a **Public Budget and Bond Hearing in January** and a **Deliberative Session in February**. The Public Budget and Bond Hearing is a legally required opportunity for the RSB to present financial plans to the community. This meeting allows residents additional opportunities to ask questions, offer feedback, and engage directly in the budgeting process.

The February Deliberative Session is the first step in the SB2 process. This is when voters can discuss, debate, and amend warrant articles before they appear on the March ballot. It is an important opportunity to learn more about the budget and help shape the final wording of the questions that will be voted on in March.

### Upcoming School Board Meetings:

**Board Meeting Dec 11th @ 5:45 pm**

**Public Budget & Bond Hearing**

**Jan 6th @ 6 pm**

**Board Meeting Jan 8th @ 5:45 pm**

**Deliberative Session**

**Feb 3rd @ 6 pm**

**Board Meeting Feb 12th @ 5:45 pm**

Meetings are held in the RGS gym. Please enter through the rear doors.

All residents are encouraged to attend!

## School Administrative Unit (SAU) Update

As we continue implementing the new SAU model adopted last year, the Rollinsford School Board (RSB) has been working closely with Superintendent Lane to support a smooth transition and to make adjustments as needed for our district. Supporting this work are Interim Business Administrator Jamie Teague, Human Resources and Payroll Specialist Brittany Johnson, and Administrative Assistant Alyson Rachkoskie. At this time, we do not anticipate a need to hire additional staff.

We remain partnered with Marshwood (MSAD 35) for student services, ensuring strong support for students with diverse needs. Director of Special Services Scott Reuning, along with other MSAD 35 staff, remains an active partner, keeping the RSB informed and ensuring strong support for all learners.

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## RGS Building Update

The Building and Grounds Committee has been actively reviewing the needs of the Rollinsford Grade School building to refine and strengthen our existing plan for future capital improvements. Routine maintenance, such as sink filter replacements, is typically covered within the annual school budget. At the same time, larger projects are brought to voters through warrant articles and funded by the Rollinsford School Building Capital Reserve Fund.

This year, the Board is exploring the cost and potential timeline for window replacement on the original building and gym. Any use of the Capital Reserve Fund requires both a warrant article and voter approval, and community feedback is always welcome as we plan for these important upgrades.



## News From Our Schools



### Rollinsford Grade School

The first trimester at RGS has been exciting and engaging! The PTO Fun Run was a huge success, raising over \$15,000 to support events, field trips, programming, and more. This event provided students with the opportunity to get outside and move while fundraising for a good cause.

RGS is focusing on 'A Year in Community,' encouraging students to engage in community service and connect with the broader community. To honor Rollinsford's rich history, the teachers spent time with ARCH on a workshop day, and the students have had classroom experiences with ARCH educators. Our students and classrooms have also worked with the Rollinsford Community Gardens, and continue to look for opportunities to connect and collaborate with our community.

### Marshwood Middle School

On Friday, November 7th, MMS hosted a Veterans Assembly to honor and remember those who have served in the military and our first responders.

This year, the community recognized two WWII veterans whose bravery continues to inspire today. The chorus and bands performed, 7th-grade students shared interviews they conducted about service, and veterans enjoyed lunch provided by local businesses and parents.

The Rollinsford School Board would like to thank MMS and Mrs. Bisson for putting together this powerful and meaningful event.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was a huge hit as the Marshwood district musical this fall. Middle and high school students contributed their talent and heart to the show, creating a wonderful experience for the community.

### Marshwood High School

Marshwood High School offers more than 45 clubs and activities, giving students many ways to connect with one another and with the community.

For example, the Interact Club provides opportunities to connect, volunteer, develop leadership skills, and discover the power of "Service Above Self." These experiences complement our grade school's focus this year: A Year in Community.

The MSAD35 late bus that runs from both MMS & MHS offers transportation to the Legion for our Rollinsford students participating in extracurriculars.

## Student Enrollment 25/26 SY

	Sep	Oct	Nov
RGS	150 Students	153 Students	150 Students
MMS & MHS	130 Students	130 Students	131 Students

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## School Board Members

We welcome the opportunity to continue engaging with our community and answer your questions. If you have any questions or comments, we encourage you to reach out to us!

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