

RSU #16 School Board
Operations Report
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FACILITIES

Christmas Break

ESS & PCS gym divider curtains were replaced as part of this year's CIP. ESS elevator upgrade has been completed and now meets code. The outside kitchen door and two windows at ESS were also replaced during the break. Maintenance crews at PRHS/WMS deep cleaned the gymnasium, heating vents, heaters and air handlers.

School Safety: The school Safety and Security Committee meeting scheduled for January 3, 2019 was canceled due to weather and will be rescheduled. Over the break, locks were installed on classroom connector doors at MCS, PCS and ESS.

Elm Street School: The School's boilers "shut down" on New Year's Eve due to water in the underground tank. Simards & Son pumped the water out of the tank and Honeywell was able to have the boilers operational the next day. In an effort to keep water out of the tank, the staff has regraded the ground around the fill port and will monitor the tank for water.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION

The bid process is on schedule:

Bids out January 9, 2019

Mandatory Pre-bid and walkthrough on January 16, 2019

Bid opening is on February 6, 2019

TRANSPORTATION

Driver Shortage: Staffing was even when school resumed after Winter Recess. The day after classes resumed, a driver broke his leg in a non-work related accident and will be out of service for a minimum of 6-8 weeks. On Friday that week, we were unable to cover a middle school basketball game at St. Dominic's in Auburn; with appreciation to Don King, St. Dom's bus transported our athletes to the game and one of our drivers picked up at the completion of his school route.

As a snapshot, when this report is being written on Monday, January 7th, we have two additional drivers who are absent, and we have two athletic trips scheduled. All work was covered, but only as a result of our teams' flexibility and certain circumstances that worked in our favor. Changes to route coverage included:

- Route 33 – Craig
- Route 20 – Fred (covering for trip driver)
- Route 34 – Van driver will cover because multiple students are ill or otherwise will not ride.
- Route 3 – Collaborative van driver (licensed for school bus) will cover
- Route C – Available van driver will cover
- Trips, with appreciation to Don King for flexibility in scheduling:
 - o Trip driver will transport track to Bates College
 - o Trip driver will return to PRHS to transport Girls' Varsity Basketball to Freeport
 - o School route driver will pick up at Bates College and return athletes to PRHS.

PRHS graciously displayed a notice on its electronic marquis, to the effect that school bus drivers are needed and inviting members of the public to apply. Fred Barlow has recruited at two basketball games, most recently during the JV Boys and both Varsity basketball games on Saturday, January 5th, and interest has been negligible.



Fred has reached out to a contact at Concord Trailways, inviting any off duty drivers to apply to work during times that they are not operating motor coaches. He will also be reaching out to various local businesses that utilize shift workers, such as restaurants to see whether any of their schedules might enable them to maintain their current jobs and also to work as school bus drivers; therefore, addressing both the restaurants' and RSU 16's need for employees during peak periods of demand.