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Superintendent's Note

Greetings MSAD 58 Community,

As many things continue to unfold in MSAD 58, I want to keep you updated. Over the past year, I've shared that our district has been exploring and discussing different options for the future of our schools. At this point, the Finance and Operations Committee is recommending to the School Board that Day Mountain Regional Middle School be closed.

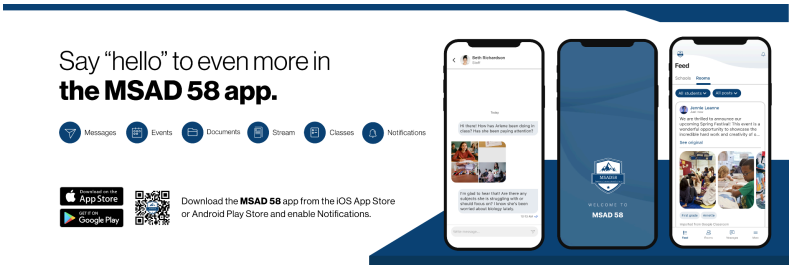
This recommendation will be on the agenda for the School Board meeting on **Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Abram High School**. During that meeting, there will be two opportunities for community feedback: during the regular public comment period and again during the Q&A session. If you'd prefer, you can also share your thoughts directly with me at lcolumbia@msad58.org or with your School Board members (listed below).

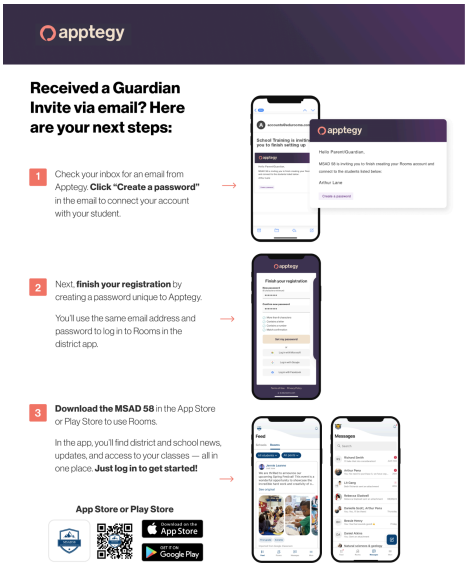
Finally, our most recent data review of the different reconfiguration scenarios—which has been discussed at both committee and board meetings—can be found here.

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Technology Update

You may have noticed our new district and school websites over the summer. Please take a moment to check out the district site here.





Along with the website, we have a new safe and secure app for parents/guardians to communicate with teachers. As of this morning, 29% of our parents/guardians have downloaded the app and signed up to receive direct messages by text and/or email from their child's teacher.

Parent/guardian contact info was pulled from PowerSchool and email invitations for the new app were sent last week. If you didn't receive that invitation, you can still enroll by downloading the app and using your phone number to activate your account. Before contacting your school, please check your spam folder and verify your email address and phone number in your PowerSchool account. After that, reach out to your school so they can share your contact information with our support team who gladly help to get your account activated.

Work Force Readiness Opt In



This year, our classroom is partnering with the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance, other districts, and local businesses on STEM Workforce Ready 2030, a project funded by the Alfond Foundation.

As part of the project:

- Students may be asked to take a short, optional survey about STEM careers and computational thinking. Surveys are confidential and do not affect grades.
- Classroom observations may occur, sometimes including video recordings. Recordings are confidential, only viewed by the project's research team, and never shared publicly.

Participation in all research activities is **optional**. The more feedback we collect, the better we can improve and expand computer science opportunities for students. If you **do not** want your child to participate, please sign and return this form to your child's teacher. Questions may be directed to **kkastelein@mmsa.org**

Child Nutrition Program Update

The start of the school year is the perfect time to share a few reminders about the MSAD 58 Child Nutrition Program.



- **NO CHARGE MEALS** - Again this year, every MSAD 58 student is eligible to receive one breakfast meal and one lunch meal at no charge. The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and State of Maine reimburse the district for meals that meet their specified nutritional requirements - three components at breakfast and five components at lunch.
- **MILK ONLY** - 50¢ each. Similar to last year, a carton of milk is not eligible for reimbursement by the NSLP or State of Maine. Therefore, an 8 oz. carton of low-fat white or low-fat chocolate milk is available to purchase for 50¢ each. Milk is available at either breakfast or lunch for students bringing their meals from home, or those wanting a second milk.
- **PAYING FOR MILK** - Payment for milk is expected at the time of service unless the student has funds available on their student meal account. If you would like to add funds to your student's account, please have them bring cash or a check - payable to MSAD 58 - to the school cafeteria.
- **SALAD BARS AT EVERY SCHOOL** - We are continuing with our salad bar service during lunch again this year. All selections from the salad bar are included as part of a NO CHARGE meal for students.
- **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS** - At a glance monthly menus are available for downloading from the district's Breakfast and Lunch Menus webpage. School specific daily menus are posted under the new Dining icon on all school webpages.

Thank you for your continued support of the MSAD 58 Child Nutrition Program!