

Dear Parents, Students, Staff Members, and Community,

I am writing to invite you to an important school board meeting on August 15th, 2018 at 6 P.M. in the Sanborn Regional High School Library.

Earlier this year, the School Board asked New England School Development Council (NESDEC) to study our projected enrollments and facilities. This study was conducted to provide guidance as the district seeks to answer these questions:

1. Why is Sanborn Regional School District spending more per pupil than neighboring districts?
2. Will the student enrollments continue to decrease over time?
3. What options should our communities consider if the enrollments are going to continue to decrease?

Using information gained from NESDEC's analysis of the demographic information and enrollment projections, coupled with its instructional programming/facility capacity analysis, NESDEC provides alternatives for the District to consider as it moves forward with the development of a Long-Range Facilities Plan.

The alternatives that the NESDEC Team presents include a bulleted outline of each option as well as a list of advantages and challenges. The options are designed to serve as a catalyst for further analysis and discussion. *Thus, the Facility Study should be considered not as an end product, but rather as a beginning point for future planning.*

There is a lot of "buzz" in our communities right now about the NESDEC study, the negotiations regarding the potential sale of the Sanborn Seminary building to the town of Kingston, and possible restructuring of the district schools. Some of these conversations are confidential but we will share information as soon as possible. We value transparency and input from everyone in the communities we serve. The Sanborn School District will always keep academic excellence and fiscal responsibility in mind when planning for the future.

I want to assure everyone that the communities of Fremont, Kingston, and Newton will have access to the report during and after the August 15th School Board meeting. We will be providing multiple opportunities for members of the public to comment on the various options outlined in the report. At this time, no decisions have been made because the report is not ready for consideration.

After the School Board receives the report, future meetings will be held to discuss the contents and the public will have opportunities to share their perspectives and feedback with the Board.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at any time. My email address is [tambrose@sau17.net](mailto:tambrose@sau17.net)

Sincerely,



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