

# 2019-2020 Budget Report

## Messalonskee and China School District

### Striving for Academic Excellence



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

# Atwood Primary School

## School Wide Events and Accomplishments

- Atwood has been caring for the planet Earth by eliminating plastic straws and disposable lunchware in their cafeteria.
- The new Rise and Read program brings families together to read every Thursday morning in the school library.
- The new Atwood Reading Garden was completed in October.
- Our library hosted author and artist Kevin Hawkes this year.
- Our "Dress like an Elf, Put Food on the Shelf" event brought in a full truckload of donations for local food pantries.
- In September, Atwood, joined by the students of WES, had a parade and fundraiser to raise money for the American Cancer Society!



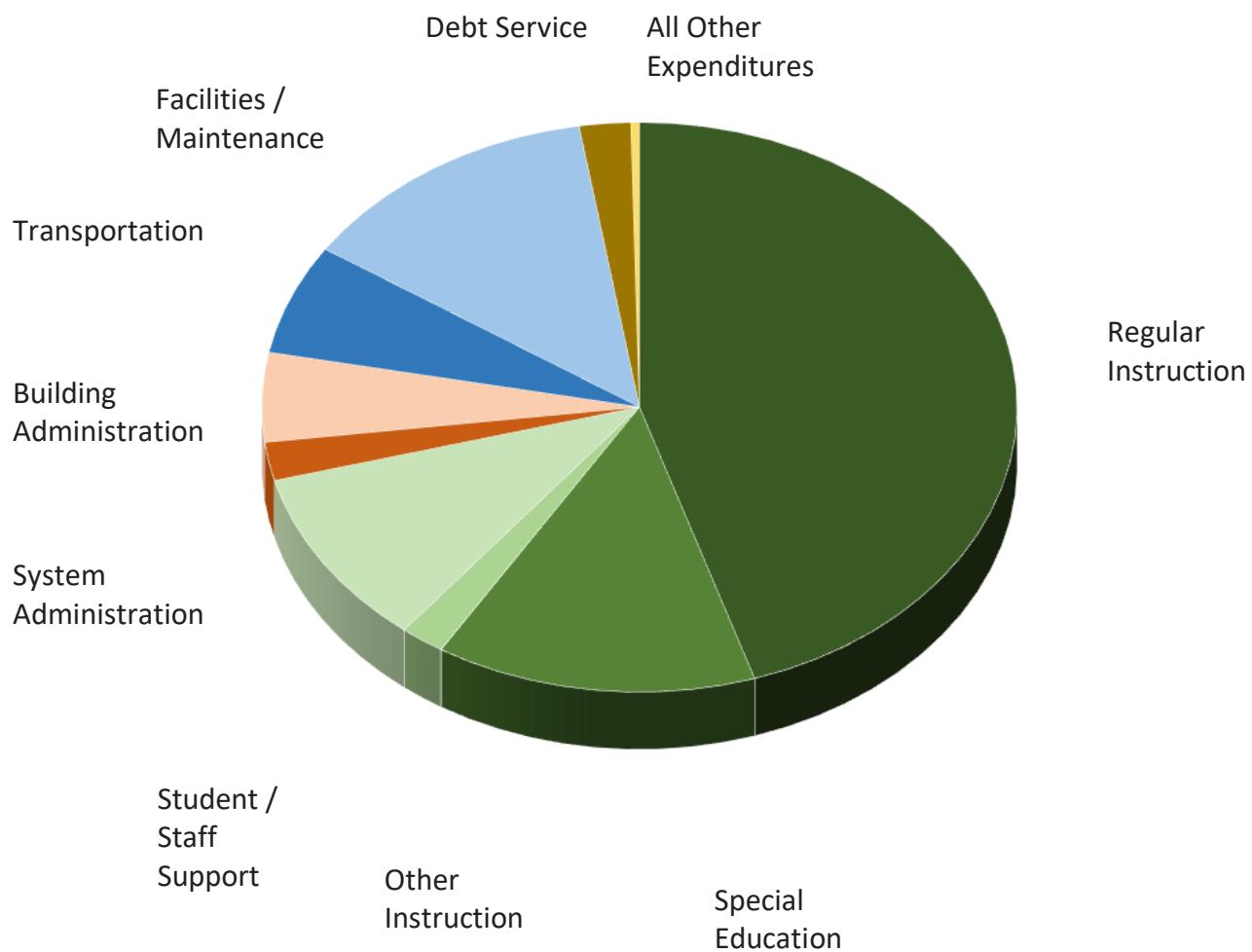
## Classroom events

- Mrs. Solis's Kinder Kindness project has been empowering our youngest learners and spreading kindness through our community.
- Atwood students have been studying coding and basic robotics with Mr. Perks.
- The 1st and 2nd grade students performed beautifully under the direction of Amy Peterson at the Celebration of Color concert.
- The artists of Atwood showed off their work at Mrs. Gronlie's art show entitled: An African Adventure at Atwood!
- Six Atwood classrooms had student teachers from the University of Maine at Farmington and 13 classrooms had Colby volunteers from the Social Justice class!

## Staff and Student Accomplishments

- Atwood 2nd Graders benefitted from hands-on wildlife studies brought to them directly from the LC Bates Museum.
- Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Solis was nominated to be the Kennebec County Teacher of the Year.
- Mrs. Kroemer's Dr. Seuss Reading Celebration brought in well over 100 guests while our brave Title One Readers each took a turn reading poetry in front of the whole school.
- Mrs. Charest and Mrs. Pullen continue to lead our school-wide gardening efforts as our Maine Agriculture in the Classroom liaisons.
- All of our children participated in Maine General's Pick a Better Snack monthly nutrition programming.
- The Atwood faculty, with the help of our technology teacher, Mr. Perks, began a new program, "Goodnight Atwood", which will give every child access to hearing a bedtime story read by an Atwood staff member!



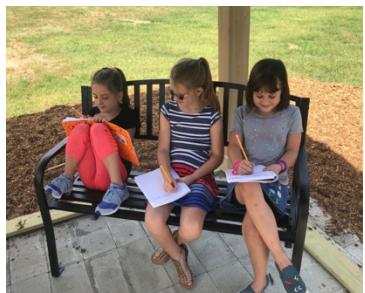


Article	Expenditure	Spending % for RSU 18	Spending % for State
Regular Instruction	\$17,421,858.41	45.07%	40.10%
Special Education	\$5,304,352.78	13.72%	16.73%
CTE	\$5,000.00	0.01%	2.00%
Other Instruction	\$730,673.17	1.89%	2.24%
Student and Staff Support	\$3,920,778.91	10.14%	8.33%
System Administration	\$842,341.73	2.18%	3.20%
School Administration	\$1,957,436.15	5.06%	5.25%
Transportation	\$2,423,691.10	6.27%	5.44%
Facilities and Maintenance	\$5,059,723.50	13.09%	10.95%
Debt Service	\$849,600.00	2.20%	5.30%

# Belgrade Central School

## School Wide Events and Accomplishments

- BCS' library has hosted several successful authors' visits.
- The staff and students had a terrific time participating in the Global School Play Day to help promote the benefits of unstructured play for our students.
- The BCS Running Club continued to grow with 93 students and 10 teachers.
- We celebrated Family Literacy Month and National Young Readers Week with a Principal's Reading Challenge.
- Our new playground was completed this fall providing a safer and more accessible play area for all our students.
- The new reading garden gazebo was completed thanks to amazing community participation.
- BCS students read at least 130 books during the Black Bear Book Award Program.



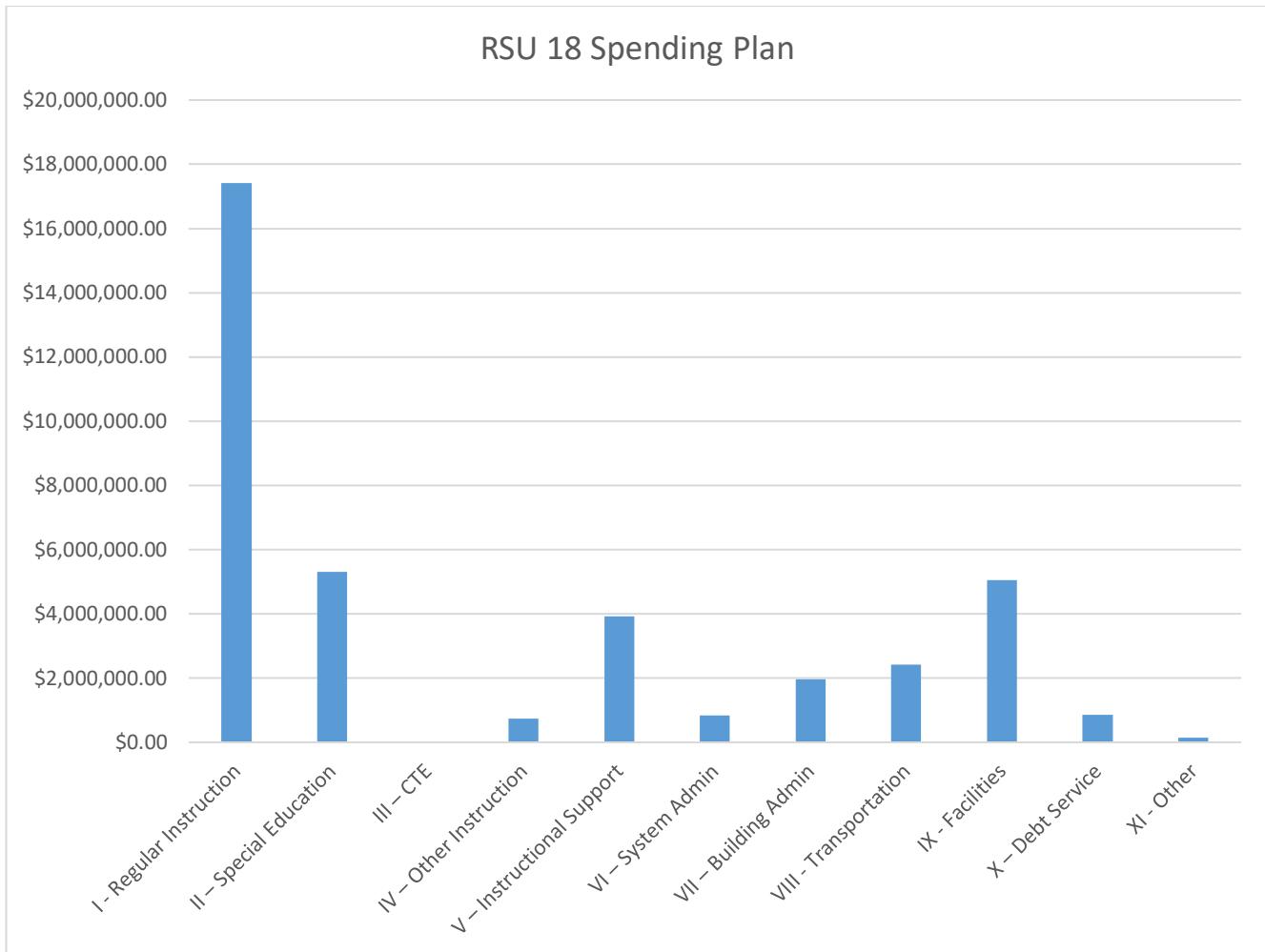
## Classroom events

- Mrs. Lachance's 4th-grade class launched the Shine on Cass Bookmark Project.
- The 3rd graders in Mr. Hyland's class started off many mornings this year with fifteen minutes of math movement in the gym.
- BCS 2nd graders engaged in a healthy meal challenge where everyone won by improving their knowledge of the food groups and how food affects the body.
- The BCS 4th-grade classes spent 6 weeks working on realistic fiction stories and celebrated their completion with an author's tea where they read them to special guests.



## Staff and Student Accomplishments

- Third-grader Abby Wood was selected as the first place winner of the Secretary of State's 2018 Maine Constitution Poster Contest for grades K-3.
- Carrie Brennan, BCS physical educator, was nominated for Kennebec County Teacher of the Year.



Article	FY 20	FY 19	\$ Change	% Change
I - Regular Instruction	\$17,421,858.41	\$16,526,479.47	\$895,378.94	5.42%
II - Special Education	\$5,304,352.78	\$5,005,368.23	\$298,984.55	5.97%
III - CTE	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	-16.67%
IV - Other Instruction	\$730,673.17	\$750,365.02	(\$19,691.85)	-2.62%
V - Instructional Support	\$3,920,778.91	\$4,287,837.83	(\$367,058.92)	-8.56%
VI - System Admin	\$842,341.73	\$842,764.69	(\$422.96)	-0.05%
VII - Building Admin	\$1,957,436.15	\$1,933,014.50	\$24,421.65	1.26%
VIII - Transportation	\$2,423,691.10	\$2,267,488.31	\$156,202.79	6.89%
IX - Facilities	\$5,059,723.50	\$4,986,196.71	\$73,526.79	1.47%
X - Debt Service	\$849,600.00	\$849,875.38	(\$275.38)	-0.03%
XI - Other	\$140,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$15,000.00	12.00%

# China Primary School



## School Wide Events and Accomplishments

- CPS held a gratitude assembly to thank the staff of the China Transfer station and recognize Katy McCormac for the work she does to help our school recycle.
- CPS participated in the Read to ME challenge in February
- Mad Science of Maine visited CPS on January 25th to teach them about energy.
- CPS has adopted the “Responsive Classroom” program in order to build a more positive culture throughout the school.
- We held a Character Day, November 2nd, for students to come dressed as their favorite book character.
- Author Lynn Plourde shared her books and presented writing workshops to students in grades K-4.
- K-4 students shared their writing with parents, families and volunteers during our second annual writer’s celebration.

## Classroom events

- Mrs. Babson’s fourth grade had a read-in to share their writing with their classmates.
- Mrs. Imes’ 2nd grade made Valentines for the troops.
- Mrs. Babson’s 4th-grade class hosted a spirit week for their peers in November.
- Our music director, Mr. Joshua Bickford, and his music students put on several successful concerts this year.
- The classrooms of Mrs. Gosselin, Mrs. Imes and Miss Preston participated in a Skype session with Jane Goodall. Students learned of Ms. Goodall’s work with the chimpanzees and other environmental protection efforts.



## Staff and Student Accomplishments

- A number of students were recognized for exceptional acts of courage, perseverance, responsibility, honesty, and self-control through our green referral sheets.
- CPS teachers Lacey Studholme and Tori Imes were recipients of \$400 and \$1000 respectively from the Samuel C. Leigh Student Engagement Grant.
- Chris Kierstead, our Technology Integrator, participated in a 12 hour course from the Wonder Workshop entitled “Introduction to Coding and Robotics with Dash & Dot”. She has brought Dash & Dot (small robots) into classrooms to teach students in K through 4th grades about Coding, the language of technology to communicate and create.

# James Bean School

## School Wide Events and Accomplishments

- JHB held our annual Welcome Back Ice Cream Social and 89% of our families were able to attend.
- We hosted a Family Math Morning to strengthen math skills through the power of family interaction.
- JHB's Student Leadership Team delivered "Hero Bags" to our first responders through our Gratitude Grant.
- JHB had visits from the author and illustrator Russ Cox and author Tamra Wight.
- The Student Leadership Team collected more than 600 items for the Sidney Food Pantry.
- The PTO offered numerous successful community events this year. All proceeds will help fund new playground equipment.
- JHB begins each week with a "Rise and Shine" assembly. We sing the school song, celebrate birthdays, and recognize "Principal's 100 Club" members.
- JHB's Scholastic Book Fair earned \$1,300 for the school and every student got a new book to add to their home library.
- Music Teacher Sue Paradis put together four great music concerts for the community.
- JHB students participated in after-school clubs including the Ukulele Club, Intramural Club, and Dance Club.
- Librarian Lisa Dugal coordinated the annual Black Bear Book Award and Chickadee Book Award programs for students.
- JHB held its own March Madness where classrooms competed to have the highest weekly attendance average.



Classroom events

Staff and Student Accomplishments

- Kindergartners attended the "Winter Wonderland" hosted by Messalonskee Middle School students.
- Literacy Interventionist Leta Hill and Math Interventionist Sharon Cormier offered a Read Across America Title I Parent Event in March. Literacy and Math activities were offered for students to complete with their families.
- Pre-K teacher Liz Tonge held a Poetry Celebration for families of our four year olds. Eighty-six percent of families were able to attend.

- During our January 21 Inservice Day, five teacher leaders presented seminars for their colleagues.
- Fifth-grader Rylee Pelletier wrote a new school song, "JHB, The Place For Me".
- Camden Genest won a bike through the "Read To Ride Summer Reading Challenge" offered by the Maine Department of Education and the Freemasons of Maine.
- Staff donated nine complete Thanksgiving meals to the Sidney Food Pantry and sponsored three families at Christmas.

# Williams Elementary School

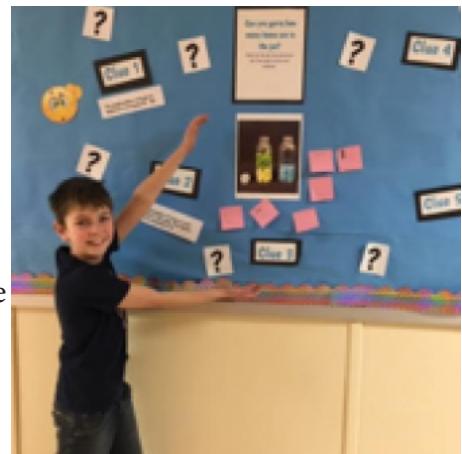


## School Wide Events and Accomplishments

- WES introduced Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s After School Math Club to help students discover the fun in math.
- Bri Brockway and Kinsey Hilton organized the first after school Running Club at WES this year.
- WES held their annual Nonfiction March Madness event to celebrate their love of reading and introduce students to new concepts.
- WES staff and students hosted a Breakfast with the Best in December, using their RSU 18 Gratitude Grant to give students a chance to thank someone who had made a difference in their life.
- WES held a Writing Celebration to give students the opportunity to share their finished writing projects with their parents and participate in some writing activities with them.
- WES teachers raised money through social media to purchase nearly 2000 books at the beginning of school. Each student will receive nine books to take home throughout the year.
- The Principal 100 club was introduced in January to encourage positive behaviors and increase positive communication with our families.
- Each year WES recognizes roughly 100 Eagles of the Week for being leaders in our school community by following our school code.

## Classroom events

- Multiple classrooms held book tastings throughout the year to introduce students to the Scholastic books that were donated to their classrooms.
- Mrs. Gronlie continued her 4th and 5th grade sketch club for students who love to draw.
- Grade 3 students participated in Pick a Better Snack organized by Snap Ed.
- Junior achievement and LC Bates Presentations occurred in our 4th grade classrooms.
- WES has two interactive math bulletin boards in the school where students leave estimates and evidence of their mathematical thinking.



## Staff and Student Accomplishments

- Twelve of our students received Most Improved recognition from their teachers and the Portland Sea Dogs.
- Students participated in the Sea Dogs Reading Challenge and received a complimentary ticket to a Sea Dogs game.
- WES fielded three Odyssey of the Mind teams this year. Two of them went to the state tournament in Biddeford on April 6 and one team is preparing to go to the World Finals at Michigan State in May.



**ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11**  
**AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES**

**ARTICLE 1:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

**School Board Recommends \$17,421,858.41**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

**School Board Recommends \$5,304,352.78**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

**School Board Recommends \$5,000.00**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

**School Board Recommends \$730,673.17**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

**School Board Recommends \$3,920,778.91**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

**School Board Recommends \$842,341.73**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

**School Board Recommends \$1,957,436.15**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

**School Board Recommends \$2,423,691.10**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

**School Board Recommends \$5,059,723.50**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

**School Board Recommends \$849,600.00**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

**School Board Recommends \$140,000.00**

# China Middle School

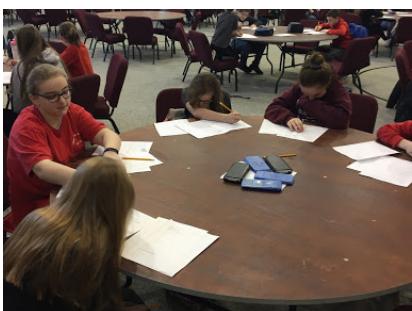


## School Wide Events and Accomplishments

- Student Council started “Students Helping Students” as a way to support classmates facing difficult situations such as house fires or food insecurities.
- CMS has implemented a variety of methods to help increase student attendance.
- We had a wonderful visit from author Lynn Plourde.
- Student Council at CMS hosted their first ever “Winter Carnival!”
- CMS hosted a celebration of the 70th anniversary of China Schools.

## Classroom events

- CMS JMG collected 176 pairs of new socks for the Maine Children’s Home during the Socktober campaign.
- Our music department, Mr. Joshua Bickford (choral director) and Ms. Katherine Lyons (band director), and their music students put on several successful concerts this year.
- Our Enterprise group continues to learn terrific hands-on and life skills while producing amazing products for our community.
- RSU #18 Gifted and Talented students joined forces with Thomas College pre-service teachers for an eight week collaborative Design Challenge unit.
- The 5th grade students in Mrs. Maroon’s Science class presented their creative “Earth’s Layers” project to their family members and other CMS students.



## Staff and Student Accomplishments.

- Our math team did very well at their meets this year.
- CMS Girls Varsity Basketball team was runner-up in the SVAC tournament and the JV Girls Basketball team took home the Sportsmanship Award.
- Breckon Davidson won the CMS National Geographic Geo Bee.
- Max Sanborn won our 2019 CMS Spelling Bee.
- Science teacher Ron Maxwell spent two weeks teaching at Mast Stem Academy in Shanghai China.
- Eighth-grader Reiana Gonzalez’s aspiration photo was featured on the cover of JMG’s 25th Anniversary Gala Program.

# Messalonskee Middle School

## School Wide Events and Accomplishments

- Students from Team Evergreen and Katahdin along with Mrs. Fegel and Mrs. Fish put on the MMS annual Veterans Assembly. Angus King came to speak to the students and Veterans and enjoy the presentation and performances of our students. One World War two Veteran told the reporter that the world is in good hands with the students from MMS.
- MMS students and staff collected 1667 food and personal health items to restock the Belgrade, Sidney, and Oakland Food Banks in the weeks leading up to February break.
- MMS started a new Model Railroad Club to create an opportunity for students and community members to come together over a common interest.
- MMS hosted their annual Winter Wonderland for all of the district's Kindergarten students, Thursday, December 20th.
- MMS was happy to introduce JMG into the school at the beginning of the year.



## Classroom events

- MMS Gifted and Talented students have been developing their creativity and real-world problem-solving by designing and printing objects on their new Flash Forge 3D Printer from the Perloff Foundation.
- RSU #18 Gifted and Talented students joined forces with Thomas College pre-service teachers for an eight-week collaborative Design Challenge unit.
- On October 4th, Team Dirigo hosted an author visit from Thomas Torrington, author of *Evergreen*, *The Bear* and *Thunder Snow*.
- Team Highland has continued to improve the water quality in the school pond through "Power Plants", the floating islands they designed and built as a class.



## Staff and Student Accomplishments

- Stephanie Gifford and Jamie Routhier were both nominated for Teacher of the Year for Kennebec County and the State of Maine.
- Mark Hatch was named the Secondary School Principal of the Year for the State of Maine.

**ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 15**  
**RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and assess as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**Recommended amounts set forth below:**

<b>Total Appropriated (by municipality):</b>		<b>Total Raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):</b>	
Town of Belgrade	\$ 4,776,947.31	Town of Belgrade	\$ 4,776,947.31
Town of China	\$ 7,131,462.23	Town of China	\$ 3,348,156.00
Town of Oakland	\$ 10,077,273.98	Town of Oakland	\$ 4,206,654.00
Town of Rome	\$ 1,378,303.07	Town of Rome	\$ 1,378,303.07
Town of Sidney	\$ 7,001,101.41	Town of Sidney	\$ 3,156,888.00
<b>Total Appropriated (sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 30,365,088.00</b>	<b>Total Raised (sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 16,866,948.38</b>

*Explanation: The Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the Regional School Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

**ARTICLE 13:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters for non-state-funded school construction projects or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

**School Board Recommends \$55,558.00**

*Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Regional School Unit's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters.*

**ARTICLE 14:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate to transfer to the school nutrition program.

**School Board Recommends: \$140,000.00**

**ARTICLE 15:** **(Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$6,663,896.61**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$6,663,896.61**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends **\$6,663,896.61**, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$6,663,896.61**. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: This model does not fully cover the costs of regular classroom instruction, special education instruction, extracurricular and co-curricular student activities, district administration and leadership, student transportation, school technology and school facilities maintenance.

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Regional School Unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Regional School Unit budget for educational programs.*

*Please note that, of the total additional local amount raised in this article, \$431,658.76 is to be assessed only to the Town of China to cover costs of tuition and insured value factor pursuant to the RSU 18 Reorganization Plan previously approved by the voters.*

### **ARTICLE 16 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 from the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

**School Board Recommends \$38,655,455.75**

### **ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **\$70,110.26** for adult education and raise **\$22,709.26** as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

### **ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

**ARTICLE 18:** In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Board be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school and other program purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

### **ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER**

**ARTICLE 19:** Do you favor the formation of a regional service center pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement for the **Kennebec Alliance Regional Service Center**, as approved by the

governing bodies of the parties thereto and the Commissioner of the Department of Education?

## Regional School Unit No. 18 - Revenue Plan Board Adopted Budget April 24, 2019

Account Number / Description	FY20 Adopted Budget 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020	FY19 Adopted Budget 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019	FY18 Actual 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	\$ Change	% Change
<b>1000 GENERAL FUND</b>					
BALANCE FORWARD	750,000.00	500,000.00	0.00	250,000.00	50.00%
LOCAL EPS - BELGRADE	4,776,947.31	5,009,706.75	4,765,571.16	232,758.75	-4.65%
LOCAL EPS - CHINA	3,348,156.00	3,401,234.25	3,246,087.72	53,078.25	-1.56%
LOCAL EPS - OAKLAND	4,206,654.00	4,308,825.75	4,135,328.28	102,171.75	-2.37%
LOCAL EPS - ROME	1,378,303.07	1,335,087.01	1,201,687.68	43,215.99	3.24%
LOCAL EPS - SIDNEY	3,156,888.00	3,187,846.00	3,064,859.03	30,958.00	-0.97%
LOCAL ONLY DEBT - BELGRADE	11,111.60	9,850.01	12,157.80	1,261.59	12.81%
LOCAL ONLY DEBT - CHINA	11,111.60	9,850.01	12,157.80	1,261.59	12.81%
LOCAL ONLY DEBT - OAKLAND	11,111.60	9,850.01	12,157.80	1,261.59	12.81%
LOCAL ONLY DEBT - ROME	11,111.60	9,850.01	12,157.80	1,261.59	12.81%
LOCAL ONLY DEBT - SIDNEY	11,111.60	9,850.01	11,144.65	1,261.59	12.81%
LOCAL ADD'L - BELGRADE	1,576,998.73	1,188,382.79	1,261,943.85	388,615.78	32.70%
LOCAL ADD'L - CHINA	1,679,307.03	1,380,732.33	1,470,609.96	298,574.58	21.62%
LOCAL ADD'L - OAKLAND	1,611,204.44	1,225,099.24	1,314,993.48	386,105.05	31.52%
LOCAL ADD'L - ROME	734,346.45	544,744.12	600,265.12	189,602.25	34.81%
LOCAL ADD'L - SIDNEY	1,202,039.96	882,686.70	954,671.05	319,353.15	36.18%
TUITION, SECONDARY - INDIVIDUAL	32,000.00	28,000.00	53,646.71	4,000.00	14.29%
TRANSPORTATION FEES/REVENUE	5,000.00	10,000.00	19,088.86	5,000.00	-50.00%
EARNED INTEREST	40,000.00	5,000.00	14,222.07	35,000.00	700.00%
RENTALS - PAC CENTER	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,068.72	0.00	0.00%
CONTRIBUTIONS -MESSENGER	0.00	0.00	1,130.00	0.00	-
SPECIAL EDUC BILLING	0.00	51,600.00	0.00	51,600.00	-100.00%
SHARED SERVICES	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	-
QZAB INTEREST REFUND	56,325.00	61,892.35	55,806.43	5,567.35	-9.00%
MISC OTHER	5,000.00	5,000.00	11,255.14	0.00	0.00%
MESSALONKEE MESSENGER	0.00	1,000.00	125.00	1,000.00	-100.00%
STATE SUBSIDY	13,619,727.76	14,083,302.80	13,227,201.51	463,575.04	-3.29%
STATE AGENCY CLIENT	400,000.00	300,000.00	440,376.96	100,000.00	33.33%
INSURANCE CLAIMS - PROPERTY	2,500.00	2,500.00	6,198.16	0.00	0.00%
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	500.00	500.00	4,378.50	0.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL 1000 GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>38,655,455.75</b>	<b>37,580,390.14</b>	<b>35,933,054.88</b>	<b>1,075,065.61</b>	<b>2.83%</b>

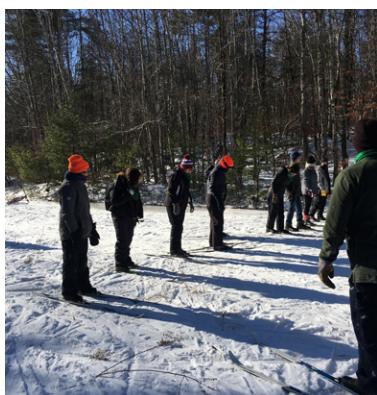
# Messalonskee High School

## School Wide Events and Accomplishments

- The MHS Food Drive collected over 500 donations and monetary contributions for local food pantries.
- MHS implemented a number of strategies to help improve attendance.
- NEASC work- we have spent the better part of 2 ½ years working on our report and preparing for the visiting committee this fall.
- MHS implemented best practices that support our At-Risk student population.



## Student and Staff Accomplishments



- The MHS Art Department and Key Club put on their annual Empty Bowls dinner to benefit our local food pantries.
- The Messalonskee Players put on highly successful productions of *Chicago* and *Something Wicked This Way Comes*.
- Junior Hanna Lavenson was Regional Finalist in this year's Poetry Out Loud competition.
- The MHS Outing Club, led by Bryan Quigley, has helped students get out into all the beauty the Maine Wilderness has to offer.
- Girls Basketball won the Class A North Good Sportsmanship Award.
- Girls Indoor Track and Field won the KVAC Championship and the Class A Good Sportsmanship Award.
- Many MHS students competed in the Local MMTC Skills competition and Roslin Desiderio took first in the Video Production Competition. TJ Petrillo and Parker Brunelle achieved gold medal status at the State Skills Competition. Parker will be representing MMTC at the Nationals in June.
- Our Key Club students have continued to have a positive impact in many areas of our community through their dedication to volunteerism.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters continues to support the students of RSU 18.

# Messalonskee High School

## Student and Staff Accomplishments (continued)



- The music program at MHS continues to thrive. Many of the members of both band and chorus have received local, state, and national accolades. MHS and the music program hosted a very successful Kennebec Valley Music Honor Festival.
- The MHS Library has hosted several guest speakers over the course of this year.
- Throughout the course of the fall, the Greenhouse Club supplied the MHS cafeteria with fresh vegetables and fruit. The members of the club also read to students at ATW during the State Agriculture Day in the Classroom. The students donated cookie mix bags to the Oakland Food Pantry during the Christmas Holiday.
- Spanish Teacher Eunice Loredo hosted this year's El Dia de Los Muertos presentation for area schools.
- Bryan Quigley was nominated for Kennebec County Teacher of the Year.
- Chris Delguidice was named the Morning Sentinel Girls Soccer Coach of the Year.
- Matt Holman was selected at the KVAC Indoor Track Coach of the Year



## Other Highlights

- The new Athletic Complex was officially opened on April 12th!
- The YES Program will be entering its 3rd year.
- We are always thankful for the substitutes who cover classes for us throughout the year.

# RSU 18

## District Accomplishments



- Attendance Matters: All schools in RSU 18 have been implementing a variety of methods to help combat chronic absenteeism and help students overcome obstacles to attendance.
- This winter Danielle Labonte, the afterschool and summer meal coordinator for the Good Shepherd Food Bank, recognized the efforts of the RSU 18 Summer Food Service Program.



- The RSU 18 Nutrition Program, under the direction of Barbara Bonnell, has been making great improvements to food offerings and participation in the nutrition program in all our schools.
- RSU 18 Administration requested applications for Gratitude Grants last November and our schools rose to the occasion beautifully. Schools gave back to their communities with events and gratitude gifts to celebrate and support members of their school family.



- Our Lifestyles and Wellness Team has been creating even more opportunities for staff to come together and take greater steps toward wellness. They have even been working toward including the community and held a family movie night before Christmas.
- RSU 18 had the public opening celebration and ribbon cutting for the Messalonskee Athletic Complex on April 12th.



- Foundation.
- RSU 18 students, with the help of staff, parents, and community members, were able to meet or exceed expectations in both reading and mathematics on State assessments for the first time since 2011-2012.
- Our students continue to meet their growth goals and exceed district expectations established by their teachers and the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), our local assessment system.



# RSU 18 Grants



## A Few of our Featured Grants...

- **Maine Volkswagen Settlement Grant** was used to purchase two new propane buses.
- **Let's Go 5-2-1-0 Northern Light Health Inland Hospital mini-grants** for each of our schools. They have been great supporters of Wellness in our schools since 2003. This year's award includes these sponsors: Northern Light Inland Hospital, Maine Prevention Services and LET'S GO!
- **Oak Grove Foundation** is a great supporter of high school projects and has funded so many things from the purchase of books and equipment to the construction of an herb garden.
- **True Value Foundation "Painting a Brighter Future"** with Campbell's Agway True Value in Winslow. Each year, our schools have been chosen to participate in the Painting A Brighter Future grant. This year, ATW and JHB have been awarded 30 gallons of paint to brighten their classrooms, bathrooms, and halls. All of our schools have now received the award. Home Depot has supported each school by awarding a \$50 gift certificate to purchase painting supplies.
- **Target Field Trip Grants** have generously supported school field trips for our schools since 2013. We have ventured to the ocean at Thomas Point Beach, Pine Point, Reid State Park, and Peaks Island and visited the Maine State Forensic Lab, St. Joseph's College Gardens, Fort Western and Alfond Youth Center.
- **Northeast Livestock Expo**: Each year, we receive support for transportation to NELE. All our elementary schools attend this fun day at the Windsor Fairground learning about many topics from farm animals to invasive beetles.
- **The Mid-Maine Substance Use Prevention Coalition**, an affiliate of the Healthy Northern Kennebec Coalition, received Drug Free Communities Program funds to work with leaders within their communities (RSU 18 Messalonskee High School, Messalonskee Middle School and China Middle School) to identify and address local youth substance use prevention and create sustainable community-level change through environmental prevention strategies. Our Schools have accepted funding and they agree to work toward a common goal of building a safe, healthy, and drug-free community.

