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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
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The budget process continues to occupy a good amount of time. The presentation tonight will cover the combined budgets of grades 6-12. The final sections of the budget will include the areas of special education, revenue, capital improvement along with salaries and benefits. I have been working with Lise Tucker to create a more readable version of the spread sheets along with a summary document that encapsulates the budget.

After conferring with SAU staff, I made the decision earlier in the year to require only those volunteers that would be working in the buildings to have a criminal record check and not require chaperones for field trips to have the checks done. There were two reasons for the decision:

- The difficulty in getting chaperones for field trips, the chaperones would need to go to the police station to be finger printed and it takes time out of their schedule in addition to the field trip.
- It takes up to 30 days for the criminal record check to come back. Many times the trip had occurred before the record check came back.

I had a meeting with PTO representatives from Florence Rideout. They indicated that parents felt the criminal records check for chaperones was a practice they wanted to continue. Looking at this as a matter of local control, I have sent a memo to the schools to let them know that we will go back to the practice of requiring chaperones to have criminal records checks done. I will be sending out a message through PowerSchool to let parents know as well. The PTO indicated that if there was a shortage of parents to attend field trips, they would work with the Principals to make sure there were sufficient parent volunteers for this purpose.

On Friday, October 14 I celebrated National School Lunch Week by serving and working in the kitchen at FRES for all lunches. The staff was great and the kids really have the process down. Parents came to eat lunch with their children, it was a nice day.

Friday, October 21st I will be attending the Southwest Superintendents meeting in Henniker. While there I will be stopping by Hillsboro Ford to look into the idea of owning our own vans to transport for Special Education and possibly transportation to area Career and Technical Education Centers.

Tuesday, October 25th the Facilities Committee will meet before the board meeting.

Friday, October 28th I will be attending the monthly New Hampshire School Administrators meeting in Concord.