

Superintendent's Report for April 2013

Update as of April 19, 2013

Although our schools have been closed this week for Spring Break, these items warrant an update to my April Report.

Policy/Regulation

1. The Executive Committee will meet on April 24 to receive and consider the boards' recommendations re: WCSU Board voting if a RED were formed. Wardsboro directed its Chair to recommend present statute (Option E). Townshend, Brookline, Newfane, and L&G have recommended Options B or E.
2. The Executive Committee will also complete the Superintendent's annual evaluation on the 24th. A proposal to join with Windham Southwest SU in a SU reorganization study will also be considered in response to a letter from Seth Boyd.
3. At the next RED Study Committee Meeting on May 1, the committee will review two sets of proposed Articles of Agreement. The first will be the document previously presented and discussed. The second will be the Articles focused entirely on student outcomes and governance without reference to any new school building plans for school consolidation.

Finance/Accounting/Operations

1. The voters of Winhall voted no on a proposed sale of the Winhall school building and land to the Mountain School at Winhall (independent school) Board.
2. The L&G Board directed me to report on the prospects of a late start for the school day at L&G.

Enrollment/Staffing

1. Thara Fuller will be our new WCSU 21st Century Director beginning fulltime July 1st. Jennifer Connor will be teaching Thara "the ropes" to ensure a smooth transition for our after school activities. Thara brings her experience as an elementary school teacher and grant director to our WCSU Team. She lives with her family in Putney.
2. Wardsboro's student enrollment is projected to remain rather flat in the high 50's for the next four years. Townshend's will decline and then hold in the low 80's. Except for Dover, other elementary schools appear to be holding pretty steady at present levels for the predictable future. Dover continues to experience growth increasing from the 80's to the present 98. Mr. Anton anticipates Dover will continue to attract new families to town increasing enrollment to 106-108 in the near future.

Calendar Dates

1. The WCSU Executive Committee will meet Wed., April 24, at 6:00 P.M. at the Jamaica Village School. (The Jamaica Board meets at 7:00 P.M.)
2. The Voluntary RED Study Committee will meet Wed., May 1, at 7:00 P.M. in the L&G Library. The Committee welcomes your questions, comments and suggestions.
3. WCSU Board Mtg. will be rescheduled (previously Wed., May 22) to May 15 or 20.

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