

Rollinsford School Board Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2024

Superintendent Services Update

After completing an in-depth study into our district's options to provide better school administrative unit (SAU) services for all our Rollinsford students, the Rollinsford School Board (RSB) voted to adopt a new model beginning next fiscal year.

The School Board believes that this model change will offer significant benefits for all our students, staff, and district as a whole, including:

- Increasing the availability and hours of SAU services and support, enhancing our children's education and overall experiences at both RGS and Marshwood through a more proactive approach.
- Granting the RSB direct oversight of the hiring and evaluation of the superintendent of schools, who serves as the leader for our district. Currently all SAU staff, including our contracted superintendent, are hired and evaluated by a separate school district.
- Supporting long-term strategic planning to better address current needs and future goals in collaboration with stakeholders, including administration, staff, parents, community, and the select board.
- Strengthening the relationship between SAU 104 and MSAD 35 to ensure students' successful transition from Rollinsford Grade School to Marshwood Middle School.
- Expanding the district's vision and educational opportunities while actively engaging stakeholders throughout the school and community to gather feedback and provide informed recommendations.
- Giving the RSB full control over SAU budgetary costs; today costs and needs are controlled by a separate district.
- Provide high-quality services, continuity, and stability for our students who receive special education services in grades Pre-K through 12th, while also providing a streamlined transition from RGS to Marshwood.
- Offering focused support from the superintendent for students in grades 7-12 attending Marshwood.

The RSB would like to thank community members who joined us for our public forum on November 13th, 2024.

The full study report and more information can be found on our district website: www.sau104.org

2025 - 2026 FY Budget

In October, the Rollinsford School Board began its work on the 2025-2026 school year budget, engaging closely with stakeholders to develop a plan that balances the need for exceptional educational opportunities with fiscal responsibility.

Through collaboration with educators, school leaders, our business administrator, and community members, the board is committed to ensuring that the budget reflects the district's priorities and supports all students' success. Community members are encouraged to attend our budget meetings and presentations to provide input and stay informed. Your participation is vital as we work together to create a budget supporting our schools and community.

Upcoming School Board Meetings:

Budget Committee Presentation

Dec 4th @ 6pm

Board Meeting Dec 12th @ 5:30 pm

Public Budget & Bond Hearing

Jan 7th @ 6 pm

Board Meeting Jan 9th @ 5:45 pm

Deliberative Session Feb 4th @ 6 pm

Board Meeting Feb 13th @ 5:45 pm

Meetings are held in the RGS gym. Please enter though the rear doors.

Rollinsford School District Website: www.sau104.org

Marshwood School District Website: www.rsu35.org

Renewal of Contract with Marshwood

The Rollinsford School Board (RSB) renewed our contract with the Marshwood School District for students in grades 7 to 12 in October, continuing a successful partnership that began 10 years ago. This agreement offers numerous benefits that enrich the educational experience for our students and strengthens collaboration between the two districts. Students gain access to diverse class offerings, advanced coursework, and specialized career and technical education programs that prepare them for future success.

Our students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities, fostering personal growth, teamwork, and school engagement. Students have access to a late bus to ensure equitable access to these opportunities by addressing transportation challenges.

Our contract renewal includes streamlining services and enhancing communication opportunities between districts, ensuring efficient operations and a shared commitment to student success. MSAD 35 has been a strong and dedicated partner for our district since our students first started attending Marshwood schools, working with us to address any challenges and provide the best supports for our students. This continued collaboration represents a comprehensive investment in the academic, social, and future aspirations of our Rollinsford children.

Student Enrollment

	Sep	Oct	Nov
RGS	154 Students	153 Students	155 Students
MMS & MHS	133 Students	134 Students	137 Students



News From Our Schools

Marshwood High School's production of The Sound of Music was a resounding success, showcasing its students' and staff's incredible talent and dedication. From the cast's soaring vocals to the incredible performances that brought this classic story to life, every moment was a testament to the hard work and passion behind the scenes. This production is a shining example of the outstanding arts program at Marshwood High School and the vibrant creativity of its students. Bravo to all involved!

On October 21st, Marshwood Middle School celebrated our veterans and first responders with their 24th annual Veterans Day Assembly. This day presented the opportunity to honor our veterans and first responders while building community. The day was filled with words, songs, stories, and so much more. The RSB would like to thank all involved for organizing this meaningful event.



Photo credit: Marshwood Middle School



Photo credit: RSG PTO

The RGS PTO organized the annual Ravens Run. This was an incredible event that brought the school community together for fitness and fun. On October 18th, students collectively ran an impressive 329 miles, showcasing their enthusiasm and determination. The day was filled with energy and enjoyment as students, staff, and families celebrated and supported students. The Ravens Run was a testament to our students' hard work and the power of community collaboration and support.

School Board Members

We welcome the opportunity to continue engaging with our community and answer your questions. If you have any questions or comments, we encourage you to reach out to us!

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