# Report from the Litchfield, RSU 4 Referendum Vote, Ad Hoc Committee

The purpose of the committee was to find answers to residents' questions about how the RSU 4 New School at OHMS Referendum would impact their taxes if passed on August 9, 2022 and to try and find answers to questions or concerns they have about this. Committee formed on June 27, 2022. Committee dissolved on July 7, 2022. Public Meetings were held on: June 28 and July 6, 2022.

The report is divided into 4 sections: The Information; Concerns From Residents; The Numbers; and The Appendix.

Committee Members: Scott Weeks-Chairman, Chadd Hill, Theresa Madore, Kristy Ouellette, Darryl Vannah.

# The Information:

RSU 4 Oak Hill Middle School Construction Referendum Vote to take place on: **Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at The Sportsman's Club from 8am-8pm.** 

Absentee ballots and applications are available now at the Town Office. Must be registered to vote in Litchfield. There are 3 ways to obtain a ballot:

- 1. In the presence of the clerk voters can come in to the town office during regular business hours to vote in person by absentee ballot.
- 2. **Application by phone** voters can also obtain a ballot through the mail by telephone request. The request **must** come directly from the voter.
- 3. **Application in person** if a voter wishes to pick up a ballot to take with them, for themselves or an immediate family member, they can do so by completing an application in person.

The referendum is to see if the voters will approve the construction of an addition to the Sabattus Oak Hill Middle School. The project also includes the closing and abandonment of the Libby Tozier School in Litchfield and Sabattus Primary School in Sabattus as well as some minor adjustments to the Carrie Ricker School building in Litchfield. If passed by the voters, this referendum would authorize the borrowing of an amount not to exceed \$31,687,216. Current plans put forward by RSU4 call for financing this amount at around 4-4.5% for 30 years.

## The Litchfield Budget Committee estimates, this referendum would result in: <u>a total payback of some \$54.4 -\$57.8 million and an additional 2 mill rate increase in property taxes.</u>

If passed, classes would be re-arranged where Litchfield will only house grades Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Carrie Ricker. All other grades will be in Sabattus and Wales.

**Litchfield**: Grades Pre-K-1 will be at the Carrie Ricker School.

Sabattus: Grades 2-4 will move to the current Oak Hill Middle School.

Grades 5-8 will be in the new addition at Oak Hill Middle School.

Wales: Grades 9-12 will remain at Oak Hill High School in Wales.

The anticipated opening of the new addition, and the closing of the 2 primary schools, is August 2025.

# **Referendum Language:**

Article 1: Do you favor authorizing the School Board of Regional School Unit No.4 (the "RSU") to issue bonds or notes in the name of the RSU for school construction purposes in an amount not to exceed \$31,687,216 to construct and equip a new school building connected to the current Oak Hill Middle School in the Town of Sabattus? The twobuilding campus will serve grades 2-8.

As part of this school construction project the RSU will close Sabattus Primary School and Libby Tozier School.

A **<u>YES</u>** vote means you want the \$31,687,216 bond to pass and to close Libby-Tozier and Sabattus Primary.

A <u>NO</u> vote means you do **NOT** want it to pass. You don't want the \$31,687,216 bond and you don't want to close the 2 schools.

# **Concerns From Litchfield Residents:**

- RSU 4 said this plan has been in the works for years. Why did they not apply for state aid? Because of their lack of preparedness, they now want the tax payers to pay 100% of the cost. Other districts have secured a place on the list and wait their turn before building a new school (see an example how the state is paying for another school-- Fairfield in Appendix E).
- This bond payment will be, in addition to, the 8.87% school budget increase FY2022/23, and will be on top of all other increases over the next 30 years.
- The bond will likely be for 30 years at around 4%-4.5% which would result in a **total payback of some** <u>\$54.4-\$57.8 million</u>, as calculated by the Litchfield Budget Committee.
- Why build a new school now, during a financial crisis and record construction costs, with inflation at a 40-year high and skyrocketing gas, heating oil, food prices, and a possible recession?
- Shouldn't they have waited until the November election, instead of calling and paying for a special election in August where historically very few people have turned out to vote (see the numbers in Appendix A)?
- Why build a new school when repairing Libby-Tozier and Sabattus Primary is approximately 1/3 of the cost and some of those costs can be submitted to the state for possible funding? See Appendix F for the estimates provided by RSU 4. See Appendix D for the Maine Department of Education Renovation Funding Article.
- Why can't we see an itemized cost list of the "State of Maine Department of Education Recommendations" or specific
  operational expenses of the 2 schools set to close? The recommendation figures and operational figures given are not broken
  down and are from a brief survey estimate from one company that specializes in performance contracting (Siemens).
- Reports from earlier in the planning process by RSU4 estimated that the cost of new construction might be in the \$13 to \$15 million range, which later changed to 'maybe as high as \$17 million. When comparing even \$17 million for new construction to approximately \$10 million for repairs, the new construction option was a very attractive 'better' option. But now the costs have risen to more than \$31 million, and new construction is decidedly not the better financial option. Yet, RSU4 persists in its quest for new. Even the 'this bricks and mortar (repair) versus that brick and mortar (new construction)' ignores the reality. If the communities can afford \$54-\$57 million over the next 30 years, why don't we spend a third of that on bricks and mortar and two thirds on direct educational efforts with our students (See Appendix D)?
- Post Covid, there are only 433 Litchfield students enrolled in RSU4. Is it better to stay with RSU 4 or should we withdraw and return to having a local school system? The committee cannot give an answer for that. There would be additional expenses to withdraw but we don't know how much it would work out to over the years. Appendix C includes tests scores comparing students in RSU 4 to students in the rest of Maine. These scores are pre-Covid. The state of Maine has some information on the 41 towns that have withdrawn from school districts/units. <a href="https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/structure/withdrawalSuggestions">https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/structure/withdrawalSuggestions</a> brought up by some Litchfield residents:
  - 1. Ask RSU 4 for new formula that is 100% based on students enrolled and if doesn't pass, we leave RSU 4.
  - 2. Educate our own kids Pre-K-8 and offer a choice for high school with Superintendent agreements. Kids could choose from schools with those agreements, such as: Oak Hill HS, Monmouth Academy, Gardiner, etc.
  - 3. Partner with a different school unit where valuations are more comparable.

## The Numbers:

Estimated Property Tax Increases for Litchf	ield Residen	ts 2022-202	3 if bond is 4%	% (from the RSU	4 websit
To be Raised by Property Taxes	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$400,000	
To Cover \$763,879.00 Yearly Bill	Home	Home	Home	Home	
*If \$31,687,216 RSU4 New School					
Referendum passes August 9th	\$206.23	\$412.46	\$618.69	\$824.92	
If the \$31,687,216 Referendum Passes, this paym	ent/tax incre	ase would be	yearly for the	next 30 years.	
RSU 4 had an <u>8.87% increas</u>	<u>e</u> in the r	egular sch	nool budge	et for 2022-2	2023.
The chart below is the combination of that	budget increa	ase AND the	new construct	tion referendum	from abov
	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$400,000	
*If \$31,687,216 RSU4 New School Referendum passes plus the 8.87% increase for this year.	Home	Home	Home	Home	
If interest rate was at 4% (from RSU4 website)	\$328.62	\$657.24	\$985.86	\$1,314.48	

Per Student Cost of the \$31,687,216.00, 30 Year Bond to Build New School at Oak Hill MS if rate is 4%.

Town	Students	Bond cost	Yearly Cost		
TOWIT	Enrolled	per student	to Town		
Litchfield	433	\$1,764	\$763 <i>,</i> 879		
Sabattus	643	\$1,324	\$851,761		
Wales	233	\$1,359	\$316,700		

# RSU 4 New School Bond, if passes on August 9<sup>th</sup>, could raise the mil rate by 2 points. +

+This year's taxes estimate at 17.76 mil. The mil rate WAS at 15.76 but if the RSU bond passes it goes up 2points									
Total Town Valuation (current)	\$	383,000,100							
Funds to be raised to cover town expenses for FY2022/23	\$	1,399,304							
Funds to be raised to cover County apportionment	\$	451,992							
Funds to be raised to cover RSU4 FY2022/23 budget	\$	4,185,328							
Additional funds to be raised if RSU4 construction hit FY2022/23*	\$	763,878							
Total funds to be raised by town from property tax for FY2022/23	\$	6,800,502							
+Mill rate estimate (originally was 15.76 before the RSU4 construction raised it 2mil)-		17.76 mil							
% attributable to Town Expenses (Public Works, Fire Dept., Transfer Station, Salaries, Roads, etc.)		20.58%							
% attributable to County Expenses		6.65%							
% attributable to RSU4 expenses (both annual budget + construction)		72.78%							
TOTAL of 3 Expenses Property Taxes Pay For:		100%							

+Given the preliminary numbers for the town budget, Kennebec County budget, and RSU4 budget, the Litchfield Budget Committee estimates that the final mill rate for FY2022/23 will be close to 15.76. Final numbers will not be available until the Select Board finishes the state required computations and those computations are filed in September. 1 mill= \$100 per every \$100,000. \*If payments begin in the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Whenever payments begin, the impact will likely be similar.

		TOTAL	LOCAL	ADJUSTED STATE	State Help				
DISTRICT	MUNICIPALITY	ALLOCATION	CONTRIBUTION	CONTRIBUTION	to Town %	%Each town actually pays			
RSU 04		\$16,392,466.73	\$6,180,433.33	\$10,212,033.40	62.30%	100% of \$6,180,433.33			
RSU 04	Litchfield	\$5,241,200.22	\$2,879,418.33	\$2,361,781.89	45.06%	47%			
RSU 04	Wales	\$2,774,846.60	\$926,933.33	\$1,847,913.27	66.60%	15%			
RSU 04	Sabattus	\$8,376,419.92	\$2,374,081.67	\$6,002,338.25	71.66%	38%			

What the 3 towns in RSU4 paid in 2020-2021 for the yearly budget. See far right column to see the actual % breakdown to the tax payers.

\*Taken from Maine Department of Education Website

# APPENDIX

# Appendix A

In 2008, Litchfield residents voted whether or not to join Sabattus and Wales to form RSU 4. Litchfield results: 66 residents voted against it and 53 voted to join RSU 4. However, the total votes within the 3 towns, resulted in a "Passed" decision, thus creating RSU 4. This also shows how few people turn out for a school vote in August.

# Appendix B

Cost Sharing from The Union 44 School Reorganization Document, page 25/39, under the section 13-B: Cost Sharing in Regional School Units. The full document is available at the Litchfield Town Office.

# Appendix C

RSU4 Test Scores vs The State of Maine Test Scores – Pre-Covid 2018-2019.

# Appendix D

1. Article from the Maine Department of Education, announcing funding for school renovations. 2. Resident Tom Wood's personal view of the true comparison of the real alternatives and consequences of Build v Fix

# Appendix E

Budion, Kaitlyn. "Fairfield-area school board reviews funding plan for new school construction project. Article from Central Maine.com & Morning Sentinel, June 3, 2022, <u>https://www.centralmaine.com/2022/06/03/fairfield-area-school-board-reviews-funding-plan-for-new-school-construction-project/</u>.

# Appendix F

Information from the RSU 4 handout given to attendees at the June 22, 2022 hearing-also on their website.

# Appendix G

Table shared by RSU4 when bond was at 4% (rate has gone up to 4.5%). Student enrollment numbers since 2013.

# Appendix H

Links Residents May Find Helpful

# Appendix I

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## LITCHFIELD, SABATTUS AND WALES COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPUTATION AND DECLARATION OF VOTES

The total number of votes cast in all of the municipalities within the District in the affirmative on Article 2 of the Warrant of the District Meeting Referendum held August 12, 2008 relating to approval of the school administrative reorganization plan is 216, and the total number of votes cast in all of the municipalities in the District in the negative on said Article is 105, said votes being computed as follows:

	<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	NEGATIVE
Town of Litchfield	53	66
Town of Sabattus	109	25
Town of Wales	54	14-
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TOTAL:	216	105

The District School Committee hereby declares that there were **more/lesc** votes cast in the affirmative than in the negative on said Article and finds that said Article has **passed/failed**.

\*Image directly above was taken from The Union 44 School Reorganization Document, page 35/39. The full document is available at the Litchfield Town Office. \*Image directly below was taken from The Union 44 School Reorganization Document, page 25/39, under the section 13-B: Cost Sharing in Regional School Units. The full document is available at the Litchfield Town Office.

# 13-B. Cost Sharing in Regional School Units

The regional school unit may raise money, in addition to the required local contribution pursuant to Title 20-A, Section15690, subsection 1 for educational purposes. The additional local costs of operating the regional school unit shall be shared among all the municipalities within the regional school unit on the basis of the following formula:

- a) 50% shall be shared on the basis of the fiscal capacity of each member municipality; and
- b) 50% shall be shared on the basis of the number of resident pupils in each member municipality.

This local cost sharing formula applies only to the amount, if any, of additional local funds and non-state funded debt service raised by the regional school unit. It does not apply to the required local contributions raised by each municipality pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. § 15688.

Approval of this reorganization plan by the Commissioner of Education and the voters is subject to the condition that the Maine Legislature enact a Private and Special Law or a general law authorizing or permitting an alternate cost sharing arrangement such as that contained in this reorganization plan prior to the operational date of the proposed regional school unit.

The Regional School Unit's Board of Directors shall from time to time review the appropriateness of the cost sharing formula above and report the result of such review at the Budget Meeting. Reviews, with a report at the Budget Meeting will be required as part of the budget development process for school years 2014-2015 and at least once every 5 years thereafter. Should the above formula be amended then reviews of any new formula will be required at least once every five years with a report made to the citizens during the Budget Meeting. Any amendment to the cost sharing formula, aside from adjustments due to changes in fiscal capacity and resident pupils as established above, shall require the approval of the voters of the towns of Litchfield, Sabattus, and Wales in the same manner as was required to approve this Plan.

# Appendix C

# RSU4 Test Scores vs The State of Maine Test Scores – Pre-Covid 2018-2019

	English	Math	Science	
Grade	Pass %	Pass %	Pass %	
Oak Hills HS	46.70%	12%	48.90%	
STATE HS	56% (+9.3%)	32.9% <b>(+20.9%)</b>	47.9% <mark>(-1%)</mark>	
8 OH Middle	47.30%	19.80%	68.10%	Why did Science do this v
STATE 8th grade	58.4% (+11.1%)	36.2% (+16.4)	47.9% <mark>(-20.2%)</mark>	Those same students do i
7 OH Middle	55%	22%	х	
STATE 7th grade	59.7% <b>(+4.7%)</b>	34.1% <b>(+12.1%)</b>	x	What did science teacher
6 OH Middle	54.10%	19.60%	x	
STATE 6th grade	56.3% (+ <b>2.2%)</b>	29.9% <b>(+10.3%)</b>	x	
5th Carrie Ricker	33.30%	15.10%	46.20%	
5th STATE	53.2% (+19.9%)	33% (+17.9%)	61.2 <b>(+15%)</b>	
4th Carrie Ricker	46.30%	27.40%	х	
4th STATE	56.2% (+9.9%)	40.6% (+1 <b>3.2%)</b>	x	
3rd Carrie Ricker	35.40%	32.30%	x	
3rd STATE	51.1% <b>(+15.7%)</b>	43.2% (+10.9)	x	

Science!

Great Job

Why did Science do this when other subjects couldn't?

Those same students do much worse in English/Math.

What did science teachers do to get these results?

# \*Taken from charts found on the State of Maine Department of Education.

https://www.maine.gov/doe/data-reporting/reporting/warehouse/assessments



				Er	ıglish L	anguage						
					Arts Math				S	Science		
Carrie Ricker School	All Students	All Grades	2018-2019		61.9%	38.1%		75.3%	24.7%	53.3	396	46.2%
		3	2018-2019		64.6%	35.4%		67.7%	32.3%			
		4	2018-2019		53.7%	46.3%		72.6%	27.4%			
		5	2018-2019		66.7%	33.3%		84.9%	15.1%	53.4	396	46.2%
Oak Hill High School	All Students	All Grades	2018-2019		53.3%	46.7%		88.0%	12. <mark>0%</mark>	51.	1%	48.9%
		HS	2018-2019		53.3%	46.7%		88.0%	12.0%	51.	1%	48.9%
Oak Hill Middle School	All Students	All Grades	2018-2019		47.8%	52.2%		79.5%	20.5%	3	1.9%	68.1%
		6	2018-2019		45.9%	54.1%		80.4%	19.6%			
		7	2018-2019		45.0%	55.0%		78.0%	22.0%			
		8	2018-2019		52.7%	47.3%		80.2%	19.8%	3	1.9%	68.1%

In comparing Maine Students, RSU4 students are behind in everything except for 8<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade Science.

# Appendix D

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# School Renovation Funding Available

The Maine Department of Education (DOE) is accepting applications to receive funding for school renovation projects through the School Revolving Renovation Fund (SRRF). The application deadline is October 31, 2022.

The Maine DOE will be able to approve approximately \$10 million in SRRF loans. A portion of each loan will be considered a grant and will be forgiven. The remaining portion will be paid back over either five or ten years with no interest. The maximum loan amount is limited to \$1 million per school building per priority in any five-year period.

Applications for Priority One projects will be accepted. Priority One projects include indoor air quality improvement, structural roof repair, hazardous material abatement or removal, ADA compliance upgrades, and other health, safety and compliance renovations.

The SRRF application and additional information are available on the **Maine DOE's SRRF website**. For more information or technical assistance, contact Ann Pinnette at 207-215-3809 or email **ann.pinnette@maine.gov**.

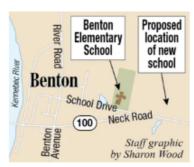
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Total that could be spent each year on direct services to students for the same total cost over 25 yrs.	\$	1,343,944
Total not spent on bond if fix it plan alternative taken	\$	33,598,608
Total bond cost (4%/30yrs) \$31,687,216 for build new alternative	\$	50,177,040
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Portion of total bond cost NOT spent if alternative fix plan chosen instead		0.6696
\$ NOT spent on construction (Fix v Build)	\$	21,217,799
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Total fixes alternative plan cost (assume bond to be used at 4%/25yrs instead of new construction)	\$	10,469,417
Fix Libby Tozier	\$	5,715,917
Fix Sabattus Primary	\$	4,753,500
Construction Plan	Ş	31,687,216
Construction Plan	\$	31,687,216

# Appendix E

By Kalliyn Budion



FAIRFIELD — The board of directors for Maine School Administrative District 49 met this week to review the funding plan for a new elementary school proposed for Benton.



Bill Stockmeyer, an attorney for the Portland-based law firm Drummond Woodsum, gave a presentation to the board on how state funding for new school construction works. MSAD 49, which serves Albion, Benton, Clinton and Fairfield, is working toward construction of a consolidated school.

Stockmeyer told the board Thursday that the state Department of Education generally pays 94% to 100% of the cost for any school construction project. And what exactly the state pays for depends on each individual project, as it will pay for some amenities in a school but not others.

For example, the DOE will only pay for a gym of a certain size at an elementary school. If the district wanted a bigger gym, it would pay the extra cost for that roomier gym. The cost to be paid by taxpayers in the district can be lowered through fundraising, Stockmeyer said.

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### Proposed site of new Benton school wins residents' backing

The district is not at the point where it has an estimate on the cost of construction, Stockmeyer said. The district is working on getting final approval from the state on the proposed site, on Neck Road on land adjacent to Benton Elementary School.

Stockmeyer talked through a hypothetical project with the board, to give it an idea of what the tax impact could look like for the district.

In his example, the state agrees to pay \$40 million for the project, and the district pays an additional \$1 million. That means the state is paying roughly 97% and the district is responsible for just under 3% of the cost. The district then gets long-term bonds for the entire \$41 million, but the state still covers 97% of the payments by increasing the district's state subsidy to match that cost.

So in the first year of paying the bond, the bill to the district is \$3.3 million, an amount that will decrease each subsequent year. The state portion of that is roughly \$3.25 million.

#### Related

## Albion residents at hearing support starting process to explore leaving Fairfield-area school district

The remaining amount for that first-year bill is around \$81,000 and that is the amount the district is responsible for. When breaking that down among the four towns, Albion's portion is roughly \$12,000, Benton's is around \$18,000, Clinton's is about \$13,000 and Fairfield's is approximately \$33,000.

After Stockmeyer's presentation there was time for questions and board member Beth Lambert, one of Fairfield's representatives, asked what happens if one town in the district decides to withdraw in the middle of the construction project — an apparent reference to Albion where residents are considering leaving the district. Albion's elementary school would close with the opening of the consolidated school in Benton.

Stockmeyer said in his experience a town that withdraws still has to pay its portion of the bonds for the construction project. Organizers behind the effort to have Albion depart have argued that if the withdrawal process starts before the project referendum, Albion will not have to pay for the new school. Any final decisions on the matter would happen during negotiations over a town's withdrawal. Albion residents will vote on starting the withdrawal process June 10.

# Appendix F

Libby Tozier-Information from the RSU 4 website and was handed out at June 22<sup>nd</sup> hearing.

Total Required Repairs/Upgrades to Meet State of Maine Department of Education Recommendations For School Buildings

Domestic Water Heating Walk-in/Freezer Controls	\$202,752 \$738,660 \$90,486 \$25,637
Kitchen Upgrades Domestic Water Heating Walk-in/Freezer Controls Automation Upgrade – Controls	\$90,486
Walk-in/Freezer Controls	
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Automation Upgrade – Controls	\$25,057
	\$361,949
Boiler/Pump Replacement	\$671,114
HVAC Equipment Replacement	\$573,085
Replace Fire Alarm Panels	\$90,486
ADA Upgrades	\$361,947
Sprinkler System including Pump/Tank House	\$771,802
Paving	\$275,000
Storm Water Drainage System Upgrade	\$120,000
Electrical Panel Upgrade	\$950,000
Required Floor Repairs	\$82,000
Soffit and Exterior Repairs	\$101,000
Address Wall Cracks	\$222,000
Add Central Air Conditioning to Office Areas	\$78,000
Total	\$5,715,917

Sabattus Primary-Information from the RSU 4 website and was handed out at June 22<sup>nd</sup> hearing.

Total Required Repairs/Upgrades to Meet State of Maine Department of Education Recommendations For School Buildings

Energy Conservation Measures	Total Project Costs
LED Lighting	\$249,590
Kitchen Upgrades	\$295,464
Domestic Water Heating	\$90,486
Walk-in/Freezer Controls	\$25,637
Automation Upgrade – DDC Controls	\$904,872
Window Replacement	\$165,893
Structural Review*	\$15,082
Replace Exist Boiler	\$502,875
Replace AHU's	\$1,244,196
ADA Upgrades	\$299,405
Replace Fire Panel	\$280,000
Paving	\$275,000
Electrical Panel Upgrade	\$275,000
Required Floor Repairs	\$52,000
Add Central Air Conditioning to Office Areas	\$78,000
Total	\$4,753,500
*This cost doesn't include the repairs outlined in the structural rev **This list does not include other repairs that are not considered e	
that will need to be addressed such as the septic issues, roof, etc.	

The cost of ownership was also shared at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> hearing. There was not a breakdown of how these numbers were estimated.

# COST OF OWNERSHIP:

<u>Total Annual Facility Operational,</u> <u>Maintenance and Repairs</u> <u>for Both Schools Combined:</u> \$1,377,409

> Anticipated Required Repairs/Upgrades:: \$10,469,417

# Because RSU4 is not seeking state funding to build the new school, the formula will be 50% state valuation and 50% student enrollment. If bond is at 4%.

School Construction Bond											
\$31,687,216 - 30 year bond											
1st annual payment = \$1,932,339.35											
		\$966,169.68			\$966,169.68						
State		50% 1st	Student		50% 1st			Local	Mil		
Valuation	%share	year pmt	Population	%share	year pmt	Totals	Cum%	Mil Raise	Impact		
\$ 417,350,000	45.98%	\$444,282.63	433	33.08%	\$319,596.23	\$ 763,878.86	39.53%	\$ 413,176.50	1.85		
\$ 354,300,000	39.04%	\$377,163.86	643	49.12%	\$474,596.72	\$ 851,760.57	44.08%	\$ 336,585.00	2.53		
\$ 135,950,000	14.98%	\$144,723.19	233	17.80%	\$171,976.73	\$ 316,699.92	16.39%	\$ 129,152.50	2.45		
\$ 907,600,000	100.00%	\$966,169.68	1309	100.00%	\$966,169.68	\$1,932,339.35	100.00%				
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# **RSU 4 # of Students Enrolled from Each of the Three Towns**

Enrolled Students by Town	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Avg
Sabattus	733	733	731	720	728	757	755	734	722	694	730.70
Wales	258	247	246	251	267	258	242	250	261	255	253.50
Litchfield	519	482	510	489	497	521	499	487	497	459	496.00
Total of 3 Towns	1510	482	1487	1460	1492	1536	1496	1471	1480	1408	1480.20

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Avg
1482	1440	1458	1423	1447	1476	1449	1415	1413	1330	1433.3
295	293	296	312	312	334	325	311	321	303	310.20
90	101	101	111	99	120	104	103	102	99	103.00
101	91	103	103	109	101	115	100	107	100	103.00
104	101	92	98	104	113	106	108	112	104	104.20
193	176	192	182	176	167	154	166	178	157	174.10
27	27	27	28	23	23	27	45	46	28	30.10
55	48	56	48	48	47	35	44	43	48	47.20
53	54	49	59	49	48	43	36	47	36	47.40
58	47	60	47	56	49	49	41	42	45	49.40
451	437	452	434	439	444	416	400	376	377	422.60
102	109	122	109	109	109	81	96	95	104	103.60
106	105	116	115	106	107	113	79	100	94	104.10
129	101	108	114	114	102	107	102	80	103	106.00
114	122	106	96	110	126	115	123	101	76	108.90
361	346	326	302	301	296	313	317	322	317	320.10
112	108	103	85	100	104	113	107	109	102	104.30
133	110	112	99	88	103	103	110	106	106	107.00
116	128	111	118	113	89	97	100	107	109	108.80
182	188	192	193	219	235	241	221	216	176	206.30
29	28	30	29	49	59	60	31	31	28	37.40
49	53	57	57	57	57	70	68	53	45	56.60
57	52	52	58	51	59	56	61	67	46	55.90
47	55	53	49	62	60	55	61	65	57	56.40
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# Links Residents May Find Helpful

RSU 4 New School Information
https://www.rsu4.org/en-US/restructuring-information-541502ca#0
RSU 4 Yearly School Budget
https://www.rsu4.org/en-US/budget-03c23b4b
RSU 4 You Tube Channel-to watch community and board meetings
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU5vG1Vc9RuaZAQqutxkcnQ
School District Cost Sharing for RSUs https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/RSU_FY20_01Jul2019_0_0.pdf
Student Enrollment-State of Maine, Department of Education https://www.maine.gov/doe/data-reporting/reporting/warehouse/enrollment
Assessment Data-State of Maine, Department of Education https://www.maine.gov/doe/data-reporting/reporting/warehouse/assessments
Data Warehouse-State of Maine, Department of Education
https://www.maine.gov/doe/data-reporting/reporting/warehouse
School District Expenditures by Budget Category-State of Maine, Department of Education
https://www.maine.gov/doe/funding/reports/expenditures
Covid Funding-State of Maine, Department of Education
https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/CRF%20Funding%20Summary%2001.13.21.xlsx
Article "School Renovation Funding Available" from State of Maine, Department of Education, June 30, 2022
<u>https://mainedoenews.net/2022/06/30/school-renovation-funding-available-</u> 4/?fbclid=IwAR29WIRfI1zu6fSjgmcVXaNMpgwPXfJtC6BviM1KbCocBQozODs6R4J5ZrQ
Withdrawal from Regional School Districts-State of Maine, Department of Education https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/structure/withdrawal