

SCHOOL UNION 76

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“It takes a whole community to educate a child.”

Superintendent’s Memo

To: Sedgwick Elementary School Parents and Guardians

From: Christian M. Elkington

Re: Needed adjustments to support our students!

Date: 3-9-19

You may have heard that we had a hiring difficulty while trying to fill our teaching position for Grades 4/5 this past week. Confidentiality does not allow me to say anything other than the person we thought would be filling the position is no longer with us. Having this position open is something that we can’t allow to continue and is being dealt with immediately by Principal Faurot, our school committee and myself.

As soon as we found we had this problem we immediately looked for the best educator we could find to support our 4/5 Classroom and students no matter what changes needed to be made. Principal Faurot understood the importance of this immediate need and has agreed to become our 4-5 Classroom’s full-time teacher for the rest of this school year. The school committee and I can’t thank her enough for taking on this important responsibility. Having Principal Faurot take over the 4/5 Classroom is certainly our best, qualified, support available for these students during the remainder of our school year. It is also our best opportunity to have a smooth transition and to help these students with their immediate learning needs.

Since Principal Faurot will be the full-time teacher for the 4/5 Classroom it means that I need to rearrange admin assistance for Sedgwick Elementary School. We will adjust admin responsibilities around School Union 76 by having two Co-Principals at our school. Tech Director Ms. Carla Magoon (former DISES Principal) has agreed to be the “during the day”, Co-Principal three-plus days per week. By adjusting several of her present responsibilities she will be able to help focus on Sedgwick Elementary School during the school day. This will allow Principal Faurot to teach during the day and do some of her principal duties after school. When needed, Director of Special Services Kathy Glennon and I will also move some of our time to being at Sedgwick Elementary School so that when Ms. Magoon needs to be in other parts of Union 76, admin support will be available to our students, staff and parents.

We will be developing and sharing with you our final plan by this Tuesday so that next steps are clear to all. I will be at Sedgwick Elementary School this coming Monday working on finalizing needed details, as we make our transition

I want to thank each of you in advance for your understanding and support over the coming days and weeks as we make this a successful transition for our students, parents, staff and school.