

SCHOOL UNION 76

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

Superintendent’s Memo

To: Parents and Guardians of Sedgwick and Brooklin

From: Christian M. Elkington

Re: Music Program Staff Change!

Date: 11-8-17

Unfortunately, our Performing Arts Teacher Penelope Wheeler is not able to continue with the responsibilities of this position for the Sedgwick and Brooklin Schools. This means that we now need to develop and sustain the program we had planned for and that our students need and deserve through another avenue or individual(s).

As you can imagine the chances of finding a replacement at this time of the year are not good, but we will of course give it our best try. The difficulty we now face does give us the opportunity to look at other possibilities for enriching our students in performing arts. With the number of artists on the Peninsula and in Hancock County we will be looking at advertising for the following:

- Hiring a replacement to do what we originally had planned for our Performing Arts Teacher to do (drama, choral and instrumental opportunities)
- Looking for people who might just concentrate on one of the three areas we were looking to incorporate (drama, choral, instrumental)
- Moving towards a residency model for the rest of this year (6-8 weeks with a person for chorus, 6-8 weeks with a person for drama, 6-8 weeks with a person to work with musicians and/or introduce students to instruments).

We will see what shakes out and will now be advertising for these above options. Our Principals Ms. Blake and Mr. Dow will be working together on these options and will be following-up with you on short-term plans as we move forward.

I want to thank everyone in advance for your understanding and patience as we work through this difficulty and the opportunities it now presents us!