

Monmouth Citizens and Our Community Schools
April 16th Monmouth Academy at 6:30
Regional School Consolidation Impacts All Residents

For the better part of year and a quarter since the state legislative enacted sweeping changes impacting Maine school administration, school funding and local school governance myself, Selectmen; Doug Ludewig, resident Jim Grandahl, the entire Monmouth School Committee along with our dedicated school administrators have logged hundreds of essential volunteer hours proactively participating in and attending meetings concerning a collaborative Regional School Consolidation process.

Our participation has been rewarding as well as frustrating at times; all along we have kept the principal focus on our community's main goals of ensuring the best fiscally responsible education possible to prepare our children for the future, preserving our established community schools, retaining local identity and establishing an equitable community standing within the present collaborative school consolidation planning process and for any possible future Regional School Unit or RSU.

An equitable plan has been formulated working within the confines of state statutes and forwarded by the collaborative Regional School Planning Committee to the State of Maine, Department of Education for initial review and approval.

What can you do as a citizen of Monmouth? Get informed and attend the April 16th informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. presented by Monmouth School Committee and resident members of the regional school planning committee.

Topics will include:

Why and what exactly is regional school consolidation or RSU's?

Why the particular community partners and configuration of Dresden, Farmingdale, Hallowell, Monmouth & Richmond

Progress and the current status of the consolidation plan?

What is a "budget validation meeting/hearing" and subsequent vote process?

Why as a taxpayer/citizen with or without children should this be of concern?

What articles impacting schools & community will we be potentially voting on June 10th?

Citizen questions and concerns?

Mike Rogers
Chair, Monmouth School Committee
merogers@fairpoint.ne