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Subject: Executive Order # 56 & RSU 23 Budget Process Update

Dear RSU 23 Community,

On June 3, 2020 Governor Janet Mills issued Executive Order #56, An Order to Further Facilitate the State of Primary and Local Elections Within Public Health Restrictions Due to COVID-19. Included in this order are measures to assist communities in their local school budget processes.

After reviewing the budget options outlined in Executive Order #56, RSU 23 determined that in the interest of public health and in acknowledgment that public gatherings of more than 50 people during the month of June remain prohibited, that we will suspend the in-person budget meeting and replace it with a remote public hearing.

In order to meet the extremely short legal timelines outlined by Maine law, Regional School Unit 23 called an emergency school board meeting Wednesday, June 10 and approved the adjustment to the RSU 23 budget process. This adjustment does not change the FY 21 school budget of \$12,947,900 that was approved on May 21 and ensures there is no taxpayer increase in the school portion of the FY 20-21 tax rate.

What this means is that there will be no regional budget meeting on June 15th as was scheduled. In place of this meeting there will be a remote public hearing on the FY 21 RSU 23 school budget at the regular board meeting scheduled for Monday, June 29, at 5 PM. This will be a virtual meeting and the link will be available at our rsu23.org website. After the hearing the proposed budget will then be submitted for the July 14, 2020 referendum to be voted on by the citizens of Old Orchard Beach. Additional information can be found on our RSU 23 website under the School Board, [Budget Information](#) page.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Feltie".

RSU 23 Superintendent of Schools