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Date: July 17, 2020  
Subject: School Community Update

Dear RSU 23 Community,

As we move through the month of July, I wanted to provide all of you with the latest information regarding our budget, school calendar changes, and the opening of our schools in the fall.

### **2020-2021 RSU 23 BUDGET**

The 2020-2021 RSU 23 budget passed on Tuesday with the following tally:

Question 1: 1659 Yes, 307 No, 20 Blank  
Question 2: 1574 Yes, 397 No, 0 Blank  
Question 3: 1484 Yes, 366 No, 121 Blank  
Question 4: 1590 Yes, 253 No, 119 Blank

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE**

Superintendents in York County met last week and agreed to make the Tuesday after Labor Day (September 8) to be the first student day in the 2020-2021 school year. In RSU 23 this will give our staff six professional development days to prepare our schools for students to begin and practice implementing health and safety protocols. The RSU School Committee approved the calendar change at last night's board meeting. Please plan accordingly. Thank you.

### **OPENING OF SCHOOL**

We are following CDC, MEA, and DOE guidance as we plan to fully open our schools to students during the week of September 8th. We are planning to bring in students in transition grades (Pre-K, K, 3, 6, and 9 on that day (subject to change) and all students on September 9th. Required health protocols will be communicated to families next month. However please keep in mind that when we return, a positive test could close a building for a period of two to five days and your children will receive remote learning from home. Please be prepared for that unfortunate reality. Thank you. Please give me a call at (207) 351-0099 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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

John Suttie, RSU 23 Superintendent of Schools