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Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, Staff and Community Members,

This week marks mid-year exams at the high school and the half-way point of the school year. Daylight Savings Time is right around the corner on March 8 previewed by the greater amount of light each day.

The School Board Search Committee to elect the next Superintendent will conduct interviews over the next several weeks. It is their intent to secure a successful candidate as early as possible so that proper notices can be given and the chosen candidate can start on July 1.

The Kate Furbish Elementary School project is proceeding on schedule. Plans are being made to move into the building over the summer with the opening scheduled for August 31. The Town Manager has announced that the cost of the bonds has come in lower than expected, decreasing the projected debt service for fiscal year 2021 and beyond.

The BHS track renovation was all but completed this fall. We still have a couple of minor housekeeping items that will be finished this spring. There have been discussions about a community celebration this spring but no dates or plans have been finalized as yet.

This fall we applied for two propane busses through the Volkswagen Settlement Fund. We have heard that we have been successful in our application and awarded funds to purchase these busses. It will not be 100% but the majority of the cost would be covered. It will now go to the School Board for their consideration.

We also applied for state Revolving Renovation Funds to continue to renovate BJHS. Certificates will go out shortly and we have reason to believe that we will be successful securing funds for some of our requests. Once the state announces the results we will pass it on.

So far this winter we have been out of school for two days due to snow. It seems that several of the major snowfalls have happened on weekends or during a school vacation week. As we all know this could change in a heartbeat but we are hoping the trend continues. I hope you all stay well over the rest of the season.

Sincerely,

Paul K. Perzanoski
Superintendent