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Raymond, NH 03077

Raymond School District, SAU 33
School Board Members
43 Harriman Hill Road
Raymond, NH 03077

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SAU #33
Superintendent's Office

Re: Revised Redistribution Proposal for LRES

Dear Members of the School Board;

When I did my original research and redistribution proposal for Lamprey River Elementary School (LRES), I did it from the perspective of a taxpayer. I therefore did it thinking that if accepted it would be implemented immediately, and I maximized the student/teacher ratio to eliminate as many teacher positions as possible. After listening to the concerns of the School Board and staff I looked at the data again from the opposite perspective, maintaining the ratio as low as possible while still creating enough room for the Fourth Graders to move back into the school building. I also planned for the change to go into effect in September, 2018 and used the current student totals by grade for the subsequent grade starting in September. I estimated the Kindergarten student totals by using this year's numbers as student enrollment has been decreasing for several years and this seemed reasonable. Additionally as the third grade student/teacher ratio of 23:1 was acceptable for this year I continued with that ratio for next year.

The new proposal is at or below the School Board rules for classroom size, for grades 1-3; only 2 students above for Kindergarten and maintaining the student/teacher ratio for grade 3 in grade 4. Again, as a reminder, the Raymond School Board rules for classroom size are well below the New Hampshire Education Department's recommendations and below other towns in Rockingham County that are of similar size as Raymond. So having met these goals, for the most part and providing sufficient room for the fourth graders to move back into the school building is serious win.

The result of adopting these changes would mean that there would no longer be a need for the trailers. I think we all agree that they are an eyesore and as they lack bathrooms, students are required to exit the trailers and enter the building which is a hazard.

In conclusion I would ask that this letter be added to the agenda of the next available school board meeting and that it be read at the meeting so that attendees are aware of this possible solution. If no one wishes to read it, I would be happy to do so myself.

Sincerely,



Susan J Caldwell