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GREENLAND, NEWCASTLE, NEWINGTON, RYE



WELCOME BACK!!!!

Welcome to this year's first edition of our newsletter, the SAU 50 Sensation. We are thrilled to welcome our students back for another year of fun and exciting learning!

As a gentle reminder: First Student has taken the steps to create an online feedback form for parents to submit comments or concerns if needed regarding bus routes:

<https://firstfeedback.com/>



Art work by the students of SAU 50

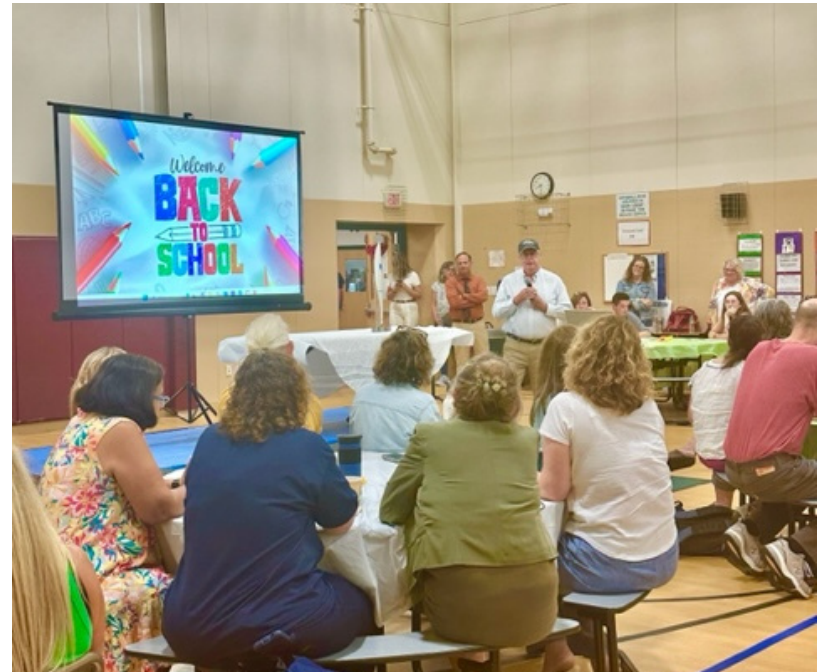
SAU 50 STAFF OPENING DAY

On Monday, August 28, SAU 50 celebrated the start of the new school year with our staff opening day.

Opening day began with welcoming introductions from our Superintendent, Steve Zadravec and the chair of our SAU 50 Joint School Board, Pat Walsh.

The theme for opening day was focused on Employee Wellness. Our Assistant Superintendent, Kelli Killen gave a presentation to the staff on the changes that we have been making and when they will be taking place.

Additionally, we were honored to have nationally ranked marathon runner and training coach, Rick Muhr join us to share his story of resilience and persistence in the face of a setback.



PORTRAIT OF A LEARNER COMMUNITY FORUMS

Our collective work to create a Portrait of a Learner for SAU 50 began last year. A Portrait of a Learner allows us to focus on the qualities and characteristics we strive to have embodied by each of our students. This document will become our “North Star” and guide our strategic planning, as well as our goals and metrics we use to monitor our progress.

This document has been drafted through the collection of input from various stakeholders through entry plan surveys, interviews, and follow up surveys we issued through last year’s SAU 50 Sensation. In all, we collected over 200 responses and used that qualitative data to start drafting the Portrait.

This document then went through a series of feedback sessions during summer retreats for our administrative team and each school board. Through all of that feedback we are pleased to present a [Revised Portrait of a Learner](#). This fall we will seek additional feedback from the staff at each school and the broader community. These discussions will involve feedback on the Portrait **and** a discussion on the vision for our schools to align with these student characteristics.

We are excited to announce the dates and times for each community forum. While there will be one in each district, please feel free to attend a forum in a neighboring district if the time works better for you. For those who can’t attend, we will also be sending out one last survey for community input after the forums take place. We hope to see you there!

Newington Community Forum:

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Location: Newington Public School

New Castle Community Forum:

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023

Time: 4pm-5pm

Location: MHT

Greenland Community Forum:

Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Time: 6pm-7pm

Location: Greenland Central School

Rye Community Forum:

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023

Time: 6pm-7pm

Location: Rye Elementary School