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SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE – 10-April-2015

Week ending 4/10/15

- On Monday evening, I presented to the Town Capital Improvements Committee and the Finance Committee speaking to the needs of the school district and our requests. My presentations were well received.
- Another Joint Facilities Consolidation meeting was held and we discussed the details of the MOU between General Government and the School Department. In addition, the task force felt we need to add three addendums or Appendices: a list of all town and school buildings, a timeline, and a job description for the Facilities Manager. It was agreed that at this time we could leave the job description TBD. We are still on schedule to go to the Selectmen for their approval at their April 15th meeting and then to School Committee at their April 27th meeting.
- I have scheduled *Coffee with the Superintendent* at each of the schools for staff not including administration. Last week, I held "Coffees" at both Clarke School and the High School. Both meetings were well attended and productive, perhaps it was the trays of cookies I brought. I received several emails regarding how nice it was to have these open and honest conversations and to learn what was happening with the budget and in and around the district. I have been invited back before the end of the school year and hope to fit it into my schedule.
- The first meeting of my "New School Task Force" was held. Sixteen of the seventeen volunteers were able to attend. It was another very productive meeting the end result being a subcommittee has formed to develop a survey to the community about the failed vote and citizens' thoughts on a new school. Two architects on the committee are reviewing the old Schools' Master Plans and will bring feedback to our next meeting. After a very powerful discussion during this meeting we determined whatever the next steps are with a new school building project the programming will impact our schools K-12 and it was important for us to remember that. As a result of the discussion, we renamed ourselves the *K-12 Educational Task Force*.

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