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SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Week ending 10/30/15

- **Radio Communication** - The Gun Bill signed into law on August 13th, 2013, created a number of responsibilities for local school districts. A bulletin Superintendent's received in 2014 reads in part: *A requirement is also imposed upon school districts, subject to appropriation, to possess a two-way communication device for the sole purpose of communicating with the district's police and fire departments.* Dave has been working on this project for us since early spring of last year. This week we were able to disseminate 5 of these specialized 2-way radios at each of the buildings. It is our plan to distribute more of these at the MS and HS in the near future pending the funding source. Chief Breen walked our Leadership Team through the initial workings of the radios and will be conducting a more formalized training with all users very soon. Unlike other radios individual schools have purchased in the past, there are no "dead spots" within the buildings. In addition, these radios give us the ability to communicate with all the other schools so in the event of an emergency, lines of communication between building leaders would be timely and efficient.
- **Projected Enrollment** - Attached please find the updated projected enrollment data from the New England School Development Council from whom we receive this data annually. Joanne alerted them of the new housing construction therefore, they have already factored this in to their projections.
 - The NESDEC projection fell within 12 students of the K-12 total (2,213 proj. v. 2,225 actual). We have adjusted the projection ratios to anticipate students moving into the newly constructed housing.

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