



# MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS

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Dear RSU #38 Community Select Board Members:

We would like to invite you to attend a joint meeting with the RSU #38 School Board on March 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Maranacook Community High School to discuss the draft FY18 RSU #38 school budget.

We had many positive comments about the joint meeting during last year's budget process and are committed to again providing this experience. Members of both boards felt that this meeting gave participants the opportunity to ask each other questions about and give input on issues that would impact the RSU #38 budget. We believe that the opportunity for open communication is invaluable to the budget process.

Below is a list of the RSU #38 budget meetings. We encourage someone from your Select Board to attend these meetings in order to gain a better understanding of the details of the draft budget prior to the March 15 meeting. At these meetings administrators will describe their budgets and discuss any changes that they feel are necessary for FY18. The schedule for the RSU #38 budget meetings is as follows and we would welcome your attendance:

- January 4, business meeting & budget overview
- January 18, budget workshop
- February 1, business meeting
- February 15, budget workshop
- March 1, business meeting
- March 15, budget workshop – Joint meeting with Select Boards on budget; budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- March 22 (tent.), budget workshop, budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- March 29 (tent.), budget workshop, budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- April 5, business meeting including budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- April 12, business meeting, vote on budget
- May 17, RSU 38 Annual Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

We look forward to the March 15 meeting where we can openly discuss the draft budget and raise and answer questions that will promote a better understanding of the needs of the RSU #38 community. We hope you can join us for this meeting.

Sincerely,

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