



RUGGLES LANE SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

As you may be aware, the District is experiencing a challenging budget cycle. The administration is actively working to find solutions that meet the needs of students and staff, while being fiscally responsible.

At a recent School Committee meeting, the administration was charged with consolidating space in buildings to save on custodial costs. The changes across the district mean that two custodial positions will not need to be filled (after retirements) saving the district \$80,000 per year moving forward. This cost saving measure is being done to lessen the impact on elementary specials which were projected to be cut. At this time, specials will be brought back in some capacity. More information will be shared once this plan is finalized.

The impact of the space consolidation at Ruggles Lane is that we will close the second floor classrooms (five) and two classrooms downstairs. The bathrooms will also be closed on the second floor. Two additional classrooms and two small group spaces will be put on a lighter cleaning schedule as they are not used as frequently as the other classrooms. The Media Lab, Library and Guidance will remain open with this plan.

Sixth grade students will more than likely be disappointed when they hear this news, as having class on the second floor has become a rite of passage at Ruggles Lane. If you have a 6th grader I would ask that you share this news with him/her prior to opening day so that he/she is prepared for this change. While disappointing, this cost-saving measure has the least impact on students and staff.

Should you have any questions regarding this, or any other aspect of the budget process, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Regards,

Julie Vincentsen
Principal

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