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Superintendent's Update May 2021

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Vaccinations for people 12 years and up are now available. As you may be aware, the FDA has now approved the use of the Pfizer vaccine for people 12 years or older. PenBay Medical Center has been working with us to set up clinics for interested parties at our schools starting the week of May 17th. Logistics, consent forms and exact dates will be coming from your school soon!

Budgets: This year, the principals, boards, central office staff and I have worked closely with the towns to develop school budgets that maintain our high level of excellence without adversely impacting the taxpayers in each town. At this point, all the budgets have been developed and we have worked hard to garner support from each town's budget committee. It has been a collaborative and painstaking process and we are very grateful to the communities of Hope, Appleton and Lincolnville for their continued commitment to our wonderful schools!

Change in the mask mandate: As I am sure many of you are aware, the state and federal mask requirements have changed to allow people to be mask-free in some outdoor settings. You may not see much change at your school, however. Students and staff still need to be calm, socially distanced and careful when/if masks are removed outside in order to make sure that all are safe. We have been taking mask breaks outside all year, so each school's Collaborative Planning Team will determine if any further relaxation of masking requirements would be appropriate.



Enjoy this beautiful day!

Kate Clark