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To the RSU #20 Team:

All of a sudden we notice that the sun is setting a little earlier and there is a crispness in the evening air. It is August and the time for school to re-open approaches again. I trust your summer has been good and you have had an opportunity to enjoy some of the great weather with family and friends.

Many of you have had a busy summer preparing buildings, running summer school, taking courses, maintaining facilities, or attending professional development functions. One major project for our maintenance crew was the repair of water damage on the exterior of the Searsport District High/Middle School. You may not even notice, but the work was extensive.

It has been a very busy summer in the Central Office. To date, we have 21 new staff, 5 principal realignments, and 31 transfers. You will see many new faces throughout RSU #20, and many familiar faces in new locations.

Below is the general agenda for opening week with the 'Opening Day' agenda attached.

- **Monday, August 22** – **New Staff Orientation CASS 8:00 – 1:00**
- **Tuesday, August 23** – **Opening Day SDHS 7:30 – 3:30**
- **Wednesday, August 24** – **Inservice Day Site-Based 7:30 – 3:30**
– **AIMS/Web Training SES 8:30 – 11:30**
(Required for K-5 staff who have not had introductory AIMS/WEB Training. If attending, contact Laura Miller at lmiller@rsu20.org)
- **Thursday, August 25** – **Teacher Workshop Day to Prepare your Classroom**

Sometimes I wish folks would just let us do what we do – educate the youth of our communities. However, that does not seem to happen. We seem to be faced with a continued flow of challenges. This year, we are looking at a State legislated '*Standards Based Diploma*' by 2014, an increased level of student achievement to make AYP, continued funding issues at all levels, and meeting the components of our vision/mission. However, our focus has been and will continue to be on providing the best quality education we can for all our students. As we all know, it is more than just instruction and assessment – it is attitude, desire and motivation. Our students need to know that mediocrity is not acceptable. They need to push themselves to excel, and we need to be models and catalysts to help them along the way.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer break and best wishes for a successful and enjoyable 2011-2012 school year in RSU #20.

Best regards,

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