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Report from Assistant Superintendent

I am sure that members of the Board of Directors have heard of the epidemic of the use of the synthetic drug known as Bath Salts that has been sweeping areas of our state. Prior to the beginning of the school year during our retreat, the administrators received and reviewed information on this drug. Information on the appearance, use and effects of Bath Salts has been shared with staff as well. The Maine Department of Education and the Office of the Governor are taking this threat to our community very seriously and are developing education programs to assist schools in dealing with potential issues from the use of this drug. We are developing appropriate information and programming for parents and students to address concerns specifically related to this new and dangerous substance.

This year I have continued to train school staff in our Regional Emergency Response Plan. Principal Linda Bowe and I have trained the staff at Searsport Elementary School, and I am scheduled to present at Frankfort Elementary on Wednesday, September 14. All school administrators are working on updates to their school emergency plans. I have received a new template for our Regional Plan from the '*I LoveUGuys Foundation*' and will be using this format to revise the RSU 20 Plan this year.

Lastly, I have provided members of the Board of Directors with scores from the SAT testing for both 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 for Belfast Area High School and Searsport District High School. I would be happy to entertain discussion or answer questions related to this information.

Respectfully submitted,

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