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**Dance Team of Two** South Elementary School students Alexandra Murray and Mia Mathieu performed a dance routine recently, during their school's annual Talent Show. A dozen performances were on stage and judged by fellow students at the event. See page 12 for the winners *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Residents to Vote Two Town Councilors from Five Candidates

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Tuesday, March 14, voters will have the opportunity to choose two of the five Londonderry Town Council members for a three-year term.

There will be one incumbent running, one former Town Council member, and three challengers. Debra Paul, whose term expires after the election, will not be running for re-election.

The Londonderry Times asked each candidate two questions: What would be your top priority if elected? Name

one goal you would like to achieve?

The paper hopes that their responses will give voters a better idea of whom each of the five candidates are. They are listed in alphabetical order.

### Ted Combes

My top priority if I am elected is to help drive new ideas to bring more businesses to Londonderry, small and large. The only real way to reduce tax burden on homeowners in Londonderry is with Commercial and Industrial taxes. Some people may not

want the businesses in town, but on the other hand people do not want to see our tax rate creep up.

One goal I would like to achieve would be to work with the Town Manager to find ways that Londonderry Planning and Engineering Departments can streamline projects coming to town. I hear a lot that it is very costly to bring a project forward in Londonderry, between time, engineering fees, and lawyer fees compared to other towns around us. We should all be work-

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## Three Running for Two Open School Board Seats

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Tuesday, March 14, Londonderry voters will be asked to choose two School Board members from the three candidates running.

Incumbents Amy Finamore and Bob Slater hope to retain their seats while Tim Porter is hoping to be voted in to one of those seats.

Each candidate was asked two questions by the Londonderry Times to give the community a better understanding of their views.

We asked each person: What would be your top priority if elected and what is one goal

you would like to achieve? Their responses are printed below:

### Amy Finamore Incumbent

My top priority would be to continue supporting our students and our schools. Our teachers, staff, and students do amazing work everyday, and great things happen when people feel trusted and empowered. I would use my voice as an advocate, helping to share and highlight academic and co-curricular wins. During my time on the board, we've often created space for students to come at the beginning of meetings to share their

leadership skills as well as their work on projects, such as the Matthew Thornton Make A Wish fundraiser, which raised \$550, and the North School Student Council, who printed coloring pages for students to use during indoor recess due to inclement weather. Providing these opportunities- especially for stu-

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## School Board Approve Change to LHS Graduation Requirements

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board had a final reading of a proposed policy change for high school graduation requirements during its Feb. 14 meeting.

Londonderry High School Principal, Jason Parent, explained previ-

ously how the requirement currently is for students to complete two science courses in order to graduate, earth space science and biology.

Currently the district offers over 20 science courses.

As part of their research, Curriculum Coordinator, Shawn Flynn,

said they looked at what other area schools have for requirements.

He stated that Alvirne High School, Bedford High School, Pinkerton Academy, Salem High School, and Windham High School all require three years of science.

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# School Board Discuss Third Party Special Ed Study

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board discussed the possibility of having a third party study done of the district's special education program during their Feb. 14 school board meeting.

"As you know we started talking about a study of Special Education here in Londonderry over last summer and into the budget season; it was great to learn earlier this year the School Board had similar thoughts as we look to the future," Superintendent, Dan Black,

wrote in a memo to the School Board.

One of the questions posed to the School Board was whether or not they should have a district wide committee with representatives from each of the schools.

"We would recommend at this time that if we form a committee, it be an administrative committee that can always include School Board and Community input along the way," said Black.

School Board member, Bob Slater, ques-

tioned why they would need to have an internal committee, noting the third party company would be able to evaluate how they are operating.

Director of Pupil Services, Kim Carpinone, said when she first started working for the school district they did a third party audit. She added that since the regulations for special education in NH are "unique" it would be helpful if a third party coming would have knowledge of NH's rules.

She stated that if they had a committee it would be helpful to help gather data that will be needed.

School Board member, Amanda Butcher, said she thinks the committee would be good to disseminate information to the community.

Black noted that during the budget process they weren't committed to having a study done, which means they will have to find a funding source if the process was to move forward, since it wasn't included

in the proposed operating budget.

He also said some of the things they would propose looking at includes staffing levels, the process and evaluation of need for adult support in an IEP, and the best prescribing sessions and frequency in IEPs.

School Board Chair, Amy Finamore, said in addition to an audit being done, the third party review can also help them determine what future needs will be, and what the actual effectiveness of the pro-

gram is among other things. She added that it would be important for them to come up with goals for the study.

"I think really defining the goal will be pivotal," said Finamore.

Black said they will put together a series of potential goals for the study and start looking for third party people.

Finamore said she thought that would be a good approach.

"I think that's a great path forward," said Finamore.

# Recycling, Compost, and Beautification for This Year

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Solid Waste and Environment Committee came together for its Jan. 30 meeting to discuss goals for 2023.

John Trottier, from the Engineering Division of Londonderry's Department of Public Works, was at the meeting to discuss several ongoing programs, including an update on holiday recycling.

"There were about 200 people using that

service at a cost of \$2,000," said Trottier. "It was pretty good."

The Committee didn't yet know how much each person dropped off. The Recycling Center encouraged people to bring gift wrap, cardboard, and paper left over from Christmas.

Gary Stewart recently submitted his resignation from the Solid Waste and Environment Committee last month.

"Gary had been on the Committee for a long time, he was a valuable

member," announced Committee Chair, Lynn Wiles. "I'll miss chatting with him. He will continue supporting our efforts."

Solid Waste debated a new set of goals for 2023 after a successful year. "We had a good 2022, and I want to continue our success to 2023 and beyond," said Wiles, asking for suggestions.

One idea was to push for more education on waste sustainability with more effi-

cient recycling.

"There is an organization out there called 'How2Recycle.' They have about 250 contracts with primary food packaging companies with labels that go beyond the traditional triangle," said Committee member, John Mahon. "Their labels will break down what to do, it will tell you that a plastic seal goes in the trash, while a plastic container should be washed and put in the recycling container."

Mahon suggests encouraging the use of How2Recycle and its fully labeled products. Many people simply throw a package in the recycling bin without knowing what to do. Improperly recycled items are usually thrown in the trash.

Beyond just recycling, the Committee discussed a partnership with food waste companies to encourage composting beyond at-home compost piles.

One suggestion included contacting Bootstrap Compost in MA., with its high-pressure composting facilities capable of processing a larger volume with more food waste. A larger company can also handle food waste Londonderry cannot, like meat and dairy products.

"If our ultimate goal is to dump our waste product, we don't want to store it," warned Mahon. "That's something these companies will handle, plus they give back compost material for town projects." Such material benefits the soil for local gardens

as it restores nutrients.

The Committee also pledged to work towards expanding Beautify Londonderry for the new year.

Two new sponsors, Jersey Mikes and Planet Fitness will contribute to the April and May events. Members also hope to attract more volunteers for the cleanup in the coming months. Residents of Londonderry with ideas for the event or who want to participate can find contacts for Beautify Londonderry on the town site.

The next meeting for the Londonderry Solid Waste and Environment Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 13, at 7 p.m. in the Elwood Conference Room on the second floor.

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# Districts Tutoring Policy Moves to Second Reading

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Feb. 14 School Board meeting, one of the agenda items discussed was in regards to the school district's paid tutoring policy.

"A policy that hasn't been discussed by the board since Feb. 7, 1977," said Superintendent, Dan Black.

It was explained by Black that the School Board brought up possibly changing the policy. He added that he spoke with the teachers union and administration team

to get their feedback.

"What we tried to do is create a policy that did allow teachers to tutor students. That seemed to be where the board wanted to go," said Black.

Black explained to the Board the policy would allow staff to tutor students and receive compensation for it, but with certain parameters.

"This helps to ensure the tutoring happens outside of the school day and school year," said Black.

One of the things discussed originally by the

School Board would be centered around whether or not staff would be allowed to tutor their own students.

"In general we want to avoid situations where students are being tutored by their current teachers," Black said in a memo to the School Board.

He pointed out the fact that there may be times where there is a limited number of teachers in the school district for certain subjects.

"We realize that when it comes to specialized classes and subjects, as well as special-

ized needs of the students, that may be unavoidable," said Black. Any teacher that will privately tutor a student outside of contracted hours will need to register that intention with their building principal and/or direct supervisor."

Another item pointed out by Black in the proposed policy is in regards to potential conflict of interests. Black said essentially parents and/or guardians would need to approach teachers about tutoring their children and not the

other way around.

"Staff have to ensure they do not get caught up in any conflicts of interest," said Black. "They cannot use their position to solicit tutoring services to families in Londonderry. Requests to tutor can come their way, but again they have to avoid any conflict of interest."

School Board member, Bob Slater, asked if other districts have similar policies as what they are proposing.

Black said he had recently talked to the Bedford superintendent

who informed him that they have a similar policy to Londonderry. He said he could bring some references of what other school districts are doing for the second reading of the policy.

School Board Chair, Amy Finamore, said she thought the policy made sense.

"I think the first reading is fantastic," said Finamore.

The School Board voted unanimously in favor of moving the policy forward to a second reading.

# ZBA Grant Rehearing For Proposed Childcare Center

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment discussed a request for a rehearing regarding a case decided in December during their Feb. 15 meeting.

The original variance request was to allow a variance request to allow a group childcare facility at 298 Rockingham Road located in the C-II zone, which is prohibited.

The applicant explained how they were looking to bring a childcare center to Londonderry, which would be called, When I Grow Up, LLC.

ZBA Chair, Jacqueline Benard, said there are a number of different types of businesses that are allowed into the district, including things

like financial institutions, funeral homes, hotels, manufacturing, membership clubs, motels, motor vehicle stations that have limited service, recreation commercial, retail establishments, professional office, repair services, service establishments, sexually oriented businesses, storage, self-serve, vehicle sales establishments, along with other ones.

She explained that if they were to approve the variance then they would be allowed to be around the childcare center.

The ZBA denied the variance on a 4-1 vote due to concerns related to the other uses in the C-II district and because of traffic concerns.

One of the main arguments made for whether

or not there should be a rehearing centered around it was David Armstrong, who was a member of the ZBA at the time.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, said they looked into what led to his resignation. He added that Armstrong was one of the community members who's term on a board or commission would be expiring. He explained that Executive Assistant, Kirby Brown, emailed everyone who had

terms that were expiring and they needed to email her if they wanted to be up for reappointment or not.

He said that ahead of the Dec. 19 Town Council meeting, Armstrong sent an email saying "I've enjoyed my time on the Zoning Board, but I feel it's my time to step down and give someone else the chance."

Malaguti said that the Town Council accepted the resignation during the Dec. 19 meeting.

"Which brings us here tonight," said Malaguti.

Malaguti said he watched the recording of the meeting and didn't see anything about it being accepted immediately or not.

During the Dec. 21 ZBA meeting, Armstrong sat on the board, which is when the childcare center was in front of the ZBA.

Zoning Board alternative member, Chris Moore, said he thought there was enough new

information presented in order to grant a new hearing.

"I believe it's significant enough additional information to approve the rehearing," said Moore.

Benard said she also thought it made sense to grant a rehearing in the case.

"It's just not handled properly," said Benard.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment ultimately voted in favor of granting a rehearing.

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# Editorial

## It Starts with Respect

What exactly is respect? It's the sense of worth or personal value that you attach to someone. Respect is an overall evaluation you give someone based on many factors; what that person is doing with their life, how they treat you and others, whether they are honest or not and if they seem to consistently do good things, large or small, for other people.

Showing Respect for Others: just like with yourself, when you demonstrate respect for others, you give value to their being and ideals. In addition, you'll make someone feel good by granting them respect, granted, that it's something that they deserve.

One of the best ways to show respect for someone is to truly listen to another's point of view. Obviously, we are not always agree with one another on every topic and you should never adopt a point of view with which you do not agree with, but we should allow each other to have and express our own views regardless of whether we agree with them or not.

Try to keep this in mind: you owe everyone a basic level of respect for being a fellow

human being, but your level of respect for others will vary from person to person. Just like your self-respect will grow as you master the ideals discussed above, your level of respect for others will vary depending upon your view of them and their own self-respect.

You should be kind and polite to everyone no question about that, but for obvious reasons, some of us simply deserve more respect than others. For example, I think we would all agree that a consistently honest person deserves more respect than a habitual liar. So again, always be kind, polite, and afford a basic level of respect for your fellow man, but you shouldn't afford beyond basic respect to those who aren't working on ideals you believe to be important.

Respect is one of mankind's most noble sentiments. The highest levels of respect are always earned, never given. This is true of self-respect as well as respect for others. Before granting the highest level of self-respect or respect for others, make sure the person is worthy of the honor.



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# Letters

**Due to the high volume of letter submissions we are receiving for the March 14 election, we will only be allowing letters to have a maximum of 300 words in our March 2 issue. We are hoping this will allow more submissions and room for additional news. We will not be running election letters in the March 9 issue as there will be no time to correct inaccuracies.**

### Vote for Change

To the editor,  
I'm afraid it will be more of the same in town if residents vote for Joe Green and Ted Combes for Town Council at this year's election.

Both candidates have proven throughout the years that they will, more times than not, vote on the side with town government despite what residents say.

Most recently, Green voted in favor of two issues that residents took the time to speak out against at public comment.

His decision to vote with his fellow councilmen (4-1) on the Planning Department's Restructuring Plan and the Warrant Article to appoint a Town Treasurer (4-1) despite the overwhelming disagreement during public comment shows that the Green has no intention of looking out for voters.

Deb Paul, who won't be running for re-election, was the only "no" vote in both cases.

Green and Combes also ignored Londonderry residents when they voted in favor of a Warrant Article that would look at term limits in town government and neither had anything to say when residents requested legal notices be posted in the Londonderry Times.

I think it's time for a change on the Town Council.

If you are happy with where the town of Londonderry is headed and the tax bills you receive,

by all means vote for Ted and Joe. If you'd like to see change, please vote for anyone else.

Also on this year's ballot is Article 2, asking voters to make the Town Treasurer position an appointed position rather than one that is voted on by residents.

Please vote NO on this article. I strongly feel it is a step in the wrong direction.

Any Warrant Article that takes choices away from the voters is just another way to make town government stronger. I fear that if the article passes, more appointment articles will be on their way.

Chris Paul  
Londonderry

### Cronin for Budget

To the editor,

On March 14th, we have the task of electing four new Londonderry Budget Committee Members. I encourage all of you to get out and vote for Ryan Cronin, who will bring a sharp eye and an even sharper pencil to the table.

For more than a decade, Ryan has been working as an Assistant Controller, Director and now Vice President of analytics and financial reporting for a large property management company, where he is responsible for managing hundreds of budgets and millions in assets. Without a doubt, he has the skills necessary for this job. Ryan is also a dedicated family man, raising two young chil-

dren in Londonderry with his wife, Katie. He coaches LAFA, participates in Leadership Londonderry, and always looks for ways to make our town an even better place to live.

Ryan's commitment to serve on the critical Budget Committee is laudable. His experience is solid. Please vote on March 14th.

Laura El-Azem  
Londonderry

### Vote for the Best Candidates March 14th

To the editor,

I am writing to say that if you want excellence for Londonderry, vote for the following people:

Shawn Faber for Town Council

Ron Dunn for Town Council

Ryan Cronin for Budget Committee

Sarah Meier for Budget Committee

Maureen Hardy for Budget Committee

Tim Porter for School Board

Bob Slater for School Board

Christine Fitzgerald for Library Trustee

Maria Barud for Cemetery Trustee

Here are my reasons. If you want transparent management of our town with the best most involved critical thinkers and if you want excellence in our schools with fiscal responsibility, vote for the above candidates. We want our schools to produce members of society who

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# Letters

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 contribute and are productive. We want our town to provide the services to protect us while maintaining fiscal responsibility. We want people who are willing to listen to us, the taxpayers, and be collaborative, while being transparent with their decisions and actions. The people listed above are those people. VOTE on March 14th at the LMS Gym.

Robert Fitzgerald  
 Londonderry

## Tim Porter for School Board

To the editor,  
 Tim a Londonderry High School Alumni has chosen to raise his family here for the same reason many of us have chosen the schools. As an active member in the community by coaching his children's youth sport teams and visiting the schools they attend, he engages in constant communication with parents, teachers, and administration on all the school happenings. For the past few years, he has been attending school board meetings, listening and providing feedback to the current board on many of the topics they have been discussing.

Tim's background as

a Certified Financial Planner is exactly what the board needs as the board already consists of 2 out of the 5 current members with careers/background in education. His expertise in financial planning will be invaluable in ensuring that our schools are using our tax dollars as efficiently as possible while not sacrificing academics. Who else would you want managing the roughly 85-million-dollar school budget? Costs on everything are going up and having that financial knowledge Tim will be able to review the budget and identify cost savings in some areas to allow additional funds to be allocated for areas that may be lacking in funds.

As a Londonderry High School Alumni and longtime resident of this town myself, I can't think of a better candidate to be elected to the school board. Tim will listen, research, and ensure all decisions made are in the best interest of our children, their teachers, and administrators as well as the taxpayers.

I encourage everyone to go out and vote for Tim Porter on March 14th for the best interest of our schools and community.

Thank you  
 Kristina Ciarametaro  
 Londonderry



## Collecting Classmates

Youngsters at the Moose Hill School display some of the many food items that were collected for area food pantries during the school's annual Fodd Drive. Both the morning and afternoon sessions took part in the drive with food benefiting area residents in need.

Photo by Chris Paul

## For Green & Combes

To the editor,  
 I am writing to endorse both Joe Green and Ted Combes in the upcoming election for Town Council on March 14th. As Town Manager from 2013-2022, I had the pleasure of serving under both Joe and Ted during their respective tenures on the Town Council.

Joe is an experienced public servant who has a keen eye toward maintaining fiscally prudent budgets, cutting waste, and finding operational efficien-

cies. At the same time, Joe is a tireless advocate for our senior popula-

tion as well as our recreational programs for the children in town.

Ted Combes is also an experienced public servant. **continued on page 11**

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I want to thank you all for voting me on to the board in 2020 and for your continued support over the last three years. Over the last few years our leadership throughout the district has stabilized, educational performance is improving, and fiscally responsible long-term planning for the district is finally in place. As a 36 year resident, Londonderry business owner, and grandparent to multiple grandkids in our schools, I ask again for your vote for another term on the board to continue to push to strengthen our district to be one of the best in the state.

Sincerely,  
*Bob Slater*

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# Town Candidates

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ing towards finding ways to bring business to town, and not make things harder.

Londonderry has many services it provides it's towns people, from the Police, Fire and DPW Departments, If we want to keep the wonderful services our departments provide we need to keep funding them, and find ways to generate more revenue for today and for future generations.

## Ron Dunn

My name is Ron Dunn and I am running for Town Council. I am currently one of your State Representatives in Concord and am an elected member of the Londonderry Budget Committee. I am a member of the Londonderry Solid Waste and Environmental Committee, a member of the Londonderry Utility Committee, I was appointed to the HB737 PFAS Commission, a member of the National PFAS Coalition, and part of the Londonderry, NH Concerned Citizens for

Clean Water and a graduate of the 2021 Leadership Londonderry class.

My number one priority would be to help the town create a water plan so that we can apply for grants. Many other towns in NH have received money for their water issues because they have a water plan already. Unless we have a water plan, we cannot apply for these grants. Our PFAS issues need to be addressed and resolved. If we have the ability to get money from the State or Federal Government, we should be pursuing this for the taxpayers. This PFAS problem here in Londonderry should not fall entirely on the taxpayers. We need to develop a solution for our town that will not cause the taxpayer to bear the burden for this situation caused by corporate polluters.

My goal is to inform and educate all residents of Londonderry regarding the serious health effects of PFAS and how this forever chemical is not safe in

any amount.

Unfortunately, many still are not aware of this serious health issue of these forever chemicals. In speaking with residents, far too many still don't know about the PFAS issue. I can bring new fresh ideas and a way to communicate those ideas to all residents of Londonderry. I am the best person to address the PFAS issue because myself and my family are personally affected by this problem.

I humbly ask for your vote on March 14th.

## Shawn Faber

My top priority is fiscal responsibility and good stewardship of the budget. Our rising tax rate in these tough economic times is hitting many residents of Londonderry hard, at a time when rising inflation and utility rates are increasing costs across the board.

The best thing I can do to help that situation is to get the most for our tax dollars while improving on the things that make Londonderry a great place to live. This is not a situation unfa-

miliar to me. Throughout my career as a software executive, I've worked for companies whose budgets were tight and growth had slowed. I've helped those companies take the jump to the next level by bringing a fresh perspective to problems that had become so status quo that people had a hard time seeing them.

I've created buzz and excitement where previously there was frustration, worry, and a breakdown of communication. We couldn't spend our way out of problems, so instead, we created an environment where the best and brightest wanted to contribute to something special. I believe we can do the same thing for Londonderry.

We are facing water issues, rising costs, and disagreements within the community, but we also have a ton of great things as well.

I chose Londonderry as my home for a reason and I want to do everything I can to ensure that all our residents get the most out of this wonderful community we all share.

A place where our town employees not only love to work but also call home.

A place where our

citizens feel not only that their town government hears them, knowing that they are doing their very best to maximize this special town.

If you share this vision for Londonderry, please vote for Shawn Faber on March 14.

## Joe Green - Incumbent

My top priority if Re-Elected would be to continue to support Commercial and Industrial development in order to reduce residential taxes. We need to continue to drive our rates down!

I believe that this council has done an extraordinary job attracting new businesses to Londonderry causing additional commercial taxation. This new income allows us to maintain the services we have all come to rely on and expect in this great town of ours. We have to stay mindful of where and how we allow this growth to happen in order to protect our beautiful natural resources and country like aesthetics. It can be done with the kind of precision acumen I can continue to provide. I know how to get more done with less!

I was the only councilor who voted not to raise your taxes this year. I do not believe we

need to keep reaching into your wallet to fund additional expenses when we have a gold mine up at the airport. Let's ensure together, we take the necessary next steps to allow our town to flourish continuing to make Londonderry one of the most sought-after towns in the entire state!

I would like to make clean drinking water an expectation, not something that has to be fought for! If re-elected, I will continue to push this agenda, until we develop a solid resolve, which will allow all of us to sleep better at night knowing relief is on the horizon. This initiative is one of the most important challenges that our newly formed task force will be directed to focus their attention on. Remember that the cost does not have to solely fall on the taxpayer to solve. There are many state and federal funding sources available that will be taken full advantage of.

## Tammy Siekmann

My top priority is to ensure the community is growing and prospering in such a way that we are keeping up with our Seniors and young families moving in so they can afford to live in Londonderry.

My number one goal is to keep transparency and open communication between the Town Council and the members of our community ensuring we have a trust to do what is in their best interest.

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# School Candidates

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dents- gives them a sense of ownership towards their school and community, allowing them to share their ideas on how to make our schools even better!

I love competency-based education. This education model- known as CBE in shorthand- focuses on demonstrations of learning rather than seat time. It means that if you already know something and can demonstrate mastery, you move on the next topic, and if you need extra time, not only can you have that, but you can demonstrate your knowledge in other formats-CBE enables differentiation and personalization in a student-centric model, helping all of our students reach their full potential. However, it only works with genuine buy in from all stakeholders- it's not effective implemented in a top-down approach (which is not my style anyway), but it is something I truly believe would benefit our students.

## Tim Potter

My top priority as a School Board member would focus on reversing the negative trend of academic proficiency rates in our district while controlling the spending of our budget. Having attended the school board meetings over the last few years, I have made it a point to stand up and scrutinize spending decisions as well as various other policy decisions when I felt that they were unnecessary, inappropriate, or counterproductive. Having a voice as a board member, I would focus on the academic rates for our district each year in comparison with other districts across NH, along with our annual budget figures. Evaluating if these trends are moving in the right direction each year would be of utmost importance.

The primary goal I would like to achieve in becoming a member of our School Board is to provide a specific voice that has been atypical

but vital for the business that this Board conducts. The standard candidate for the Board has been someone with a background in education or another affiliated field. Those members are then tasked with appropriately allocating and managing tens of millions of dollars of taxpayer funds without having had any similar previous responsibilities. While I believe having School Board members with educational backgrounds and credentials is important, having a member with a strong business acumen and experience managing money for others would provide a differential viewpoint valuable to our district. My career centers on planning for the long term with regard to finances and providing this resource to our district is my primary focus in running.

## Bob Slater

My top priority would be to continue to improve upon the work we have started over the last few years and continue to push the district forward by supporting

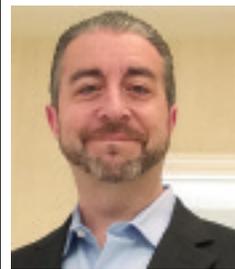
our students, teachers, administrators, and community with thoughtful and prudent planning. We have made strides over the last several years in curriculum, policy, communication and transparency with the community, and long and short time fiscally responsible planning for the district. While we have seen significant improvement, we still have a ways to go and the job is not nearly done. The school board is the main oversight this town has on an 80+ million-dollar organization. It is important to have board members

who are willing to listen to taxpayers, ask the tough questions of leadership, and make hard decisions. I made it a priority to be sure to do just that over the last 3 years, and will continue to do so. You will always be able to reach me. As one of our policies states, "The public schools belong to the people" and accountability of the district is a shared responsibility between students, teachers and other employees, the Superintendent, and the people. The district is so much better when we all work together.

I would like to contin-

ue to help in stabilizing the district to help pave the way for the next wave of leadership for the school district. Over the last three years I have met so many impressive community members and our community will be in good hands moving forward if they continue to stay involved. We need to continue building a strong foundation with short and long-term planning for all aspects of the district so that future boards and board members are able to step in and continue the success that we build without taking a step back.

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# Zoning Board Approve Variance on Frontage For Duplex

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard a case regarding a variance request for a duplex on a lot with only 100 feet of frontage when 150 feet of frontage is required.

It was explained by Patricia and David Robbins, the owners of the property located at 532 Mammoth Road, that the home is located in the Village, which is a little bit different from the rest of the town when it comes to the

land.

“The lot lines were laid out wrong before the zoning ordinances were done,” said David Robbins explaining that it makes it unique.

He said that their property is 100 feet in width, but diminishes to 22 feet to the East.

“It’s kind of a pie shape,” said David Robbins.

He said the prior variance allowed it to be a duplex, but there was a restriction put in place by the Board to only allow a total of three

bedrooms.

David Robbins explained they bought the house about nine years ago and their only tenant was their youngest child. He added that they want to add another bedroom in the apartment for their grandchild.

“We’re asking the board to lift the restriction of the number of bedrooms on the house,” said David Robbins

He stated they would be able to accommodate plenty of parking in

front of the house.

“That really shouldn’t be an issue,” David Robbins said.

He explained that their plan is to put the addition in the back half of the house and that it wouldn’t be visible from the road, noting that it won’t be any higher than the house. He added that the additional bedroom would be added to the bottom floor apartment and they would have a three season porch on the top half above it.

David Robbins said

it wouldn’t disrupt the character of the neighborhood at all and property values wouldn’t decrease.

“It really won’t change the character of the neighborhood at all,” David Robbins said.

He said ultimately where they are proposing the addition is the only possible location because of how the house is situated makes it difficult.

“This is really the only viable place to add an addition,” said David Robbins.

It was pointed out by the board that there was no discussion about why the restrictions were put on the property when it went in front of the ZBA originally several years ago.

No one spoke for or against the applicant during the meeting.

The Zoning Board of Adjustments voted in favor of granting the variance.

The next ZBA meeting is slated to take place on March 15 at 7 p.m.

## Graduation

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It was also noted that most state colleges require either three years of science in high school

or strongly recommend it.

For the University of New Hampshire and Plymouth State University, three years is required, and at Keene State Col-

lege, two years are required and three years are recommended.

“As we look ahead at the collegiate level our own flagship institution UNH requires three

years of science courses,” said Flynn.

The changes as part of the policy would go into effect for the Class of 2027.

Superintendent, Dan Black, said the policy was ready to be approved.

“We would put it into motion for next year’s freshmen,” said Black.

One member of the community, Ken Samoisette, said he was opposed to it, saying he felt there wasn’t any good reason to move forward with the changes.

“I didn’t hear one good reason why,” Samoisette said.

He also asked if it was coming from the Department of Education.

“Is there some type of incentive you get,” Samoisette asked.

Parent said the flagship state universities require it for acceptance into their schools. He added that they felt it was a good time to expand the science courses as a district.

“It’s consistent with what other progressive highschools are doing. The majority of our students, close to 90% of them, are already taking three science classes or more,” Parent said.

He explained that the Department of Education has a minimum number of requirements and from there school districts can increase it locally.

The School Board approved the policy

changes.

Also during the meeting, the School Board approved a number of retirements, however, before that School Board Chair, Amy Finamore, said there isn’t a precedent on whether or not they should clap for the different retirees.

“Every single retiree has given years of service to the school district and I’d like to ask the board if for every retiree now moving forward we read the letter and then we clap for that individual and then we read the next letter,” said Finamore.

No members of the School Board objected.

The retirements approved were Kathleen Gagnon a support staff member at Moose Hill, Lori Jabar a teacher at Londonderry High School, Sharon Rice a teacher at Moose Hill, and Kelly Sarbaugh a teacher at Matthew Thornton.

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I was a former elected Town Treasurer and as such have experienced pressure by town officials to leave my signature stamp and/or signed blank checks for the town to use. As an elected Town Treasurer, needless to say, this did not happen.

Please vote NO on Article 2 and safeguard this independent checks and balances on your tax dollars.

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# Zoning Board Deny Variance For Wholesale Business

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Rahul Talwar presented his case to the Zoning Board of Adjustments on Feb. 15 for why he should be granted a variance which would allow his wholesale business to be located at 184 Mammoth Road, which is in the C-I zone and is prohibited.

He explained he applied for a wholesale license with the state and he was told that he would need to have a NH business address in

order to get a license. He added that without it he was denied and he learned that he needed to apply for a variance.

Talwar stated that the purpose of the business wouldn't be to bring any vehicles there and essentially it would just be an office space.

"The location is just to be able to obtain a wholesale dealer's license," said Talwar.

With a wholesalers license, Talwar said that he would be able to buy cars at auctions and then sell them at other

auctions or to sell them to other wholesale dealers. He said he could also export them out of the country.

He explained there would be no selling, refurbishing, or working on trucks or suvs or any motor vehicles at the office.

"It's merely an office," said Talwar.

Talwar argued that because of the zoning he would be considered a whole auto business for the zone, "when in fact I'm operating the business only as the

office to take orders and then use (the) online dealer option," he said.

He said he wasn't asking the town to allow him to bring any vehicles to the site and instead he was asking them to allow him to use the space in order to obtain a license.

One question raised was why he wanted to use that particular space.

"This was the most reasonable space I could find to do my business in," said Talwar.

Talwar said he does-

n't expect that he would have any employees now or in the future, noting he was a small business. He added that the hours for the business would be Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Talwar said there would be no trucks or trailers going through the town because of the business and they wouldn't have any impact on traffic or pollution. He said property values wouldn't diminish because of the business.

When asked, Talwar said the license would come with two dealer plates, but they could only be used for wholesale sales.

One issue that members of the Board saw with granting the variance was the fact that they felt there wasn't anything that made the property unique.

"I don't think there's anything that makes it unique at all," said Vice Chair, Suzanne Brunelle.

The ZBA voted in favor of denying the variance request.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT



## DISTRICT WIDE INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT BOND

January 2023

To review more detailed budget information, visit [www.londonderry.org](http://www.londonderry.org) and click on the FY2024 Superintendent's Budget Link. The link to the full bond presentation can be found [there](#) as well.

Article 2

### OUR SYSTEMS ARE WAY PAST THEIR LIFE EXPECTANCIES

SCHOOL	PROJECT	BUDGET	Approx In Service Date	Approx Years In Service	Life Expectancy
Middle School	Heating Plant	\$550,000	1982	40	20-25 years
South School	Multi-purpose Room Ventilation	\$500,000	1975	47	15-20 years
High School	Pneumatic Replacement	\$170,000	1972	50	20 years
High School	Heating Plant	\$1,300,000	1984	38	20-25 years
Middle School	Pneumatic Replacement	\$325,000	1982	40	20 years
High School	ERU Replacements	\$775,000	1984	38	15 years
South School	Heating Plant	\$575,000	1972	50	20-25 years
District Wide	Pump House	\$300,000			
	Subtotal	\$4,495,000			
	Contingency	\$505,000			
	<b>BOND VALUE FOR WARRANT</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>			

With these Projects we believe there are about \$110K Energy Incentive Funding and \$65K in Yearly Energy Savings Too

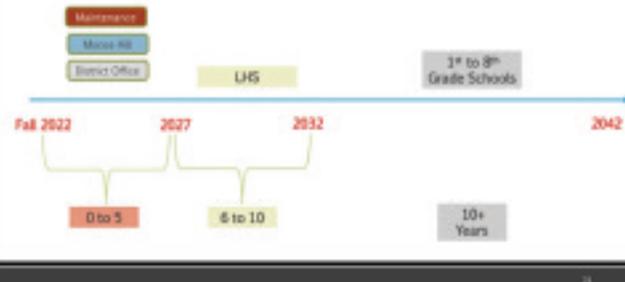
### DISTRICT WIDE INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT

Over the past few years, the Facilities Committee has conducted and reviewed studies of each of the District buildings to check the status of space, systems, and needs. These studies are at the center of the Board's future planning for the District.

The results of these studies brought to light that several of our systems are decades over their life expectancy and need replacement before an emergency failure leads to a more expensive consequence. New systems will still be used if buildings have future renovations.

Article 2 focuses on the replacement of the most pressing aged equipment across the District building infrastructure.

### Tentative Outlook on Long Term Plan



This article needs 60% of the vote to pass.

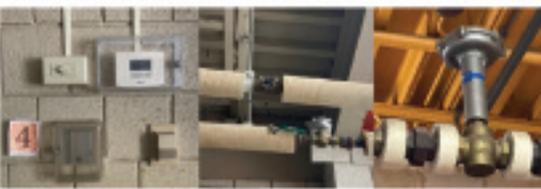
If some of these systems fail, like heating units, it could require relocating students and more expensive solutions to keep school in session.

### HOW THE BOND IMPACTS TAX RATES ANNUALLY

The initial tax rate impact for this bond is 5.02 cents in the first year (interest payment only). Since the bond balance will be paid over the term of the bond, the tax rate in subsequent years could increase from \$.07 - \$.10 (based on a 15-year note and 4% interest rate). Payment amounts change annually over the life of the bond. Each year, an average of a \$446,667 payment will be made to the bond.

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The Pneumatic Systems at LMS are 40 Years Old – 20 Years Past Their Life Expectancy



South School Multi-Purpose Room Ventilation 47 Years Old and Currently Doesn't Work



The High School Heating Plant is 38 Years Old – At Least 13 Years Beyond Its Life Expectancy



# Letters

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 servant, having previously served on the Council and Budget Committee, and most recently on the Planning Board. Ted, who has a young family in town, is an ardent proponent of economic development because he understands that not only does the business community add to the town's tax base, easing the burden on residential taxpayers, but new companies provide jobs and opportunities for our young folks who would like to raise their families in London-

derry also.  
 While I applaud all the candidates running for office, all of who I'm sure will do a respectable job if elected, I believe now is a time for steady and experienced leadership, which is why I encourage you to support Joe Green and Ted Combes for Town Council.

Kevin Smith  
 Londonderry

### Supporting Hardy

To the editor,  
 Greetings fellow Londonderry citizens.  
 I am writing in sup-

port of Maureen Hardy who is running on March 14th for the One year term Budget Committee position here in Londonderry.

Maureen cares deeply about our town, and is the kind of thoughtful fiscally responsible person we need on the Londonderry Budget Committee. Maureen has been a resident of Londonderry since 2020, and has built her home here. She has taken an active role in our community, has participated and completed the Leadership Londonderry program, and has attended and participated in sev-

eral Town Council and School Board meetings.

Maureen brings valuable business and personal experience to the Budget Committee, and has a good understanding of the impact that current and proposed spending and warrant articles have the town's tax payers and tax bills.

On March 14th I urge you to vote for Maureen Hardy for the One Year Term on the Budget Committee. This is YOUR chance to support someone that really cares about what impacts our Property tax bill, keeping Londonderry affordable to all of us,

and especially to seniors and those on fixed incomes. Let your voice be heard.

Robert Robicsek  
 Londonderry, NH

### Say NO to Finamore for School Board

To the editor,  
 I attended several Londonderry school board meetings over the past couple of years and I observed the absolute worst School Board member and Chair I have ever seen in my entire life - Amy Finamore. It would be a real shame to put her back

into that position. I have observed her block parents from speaking and implementing policies that torture our children and segregate them in the cafeteria leading to reduced learning and development. Real harm was done.

In addition, this School Board led by Mrs. Finamore forced unnecessary masking, championing "social emotional learning" (SEL) which is gateway to indoctrinating our kids into CRT, (critical race theory) which is a version of Marx's Critical Theory, a communist

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POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT



# PROPOSED BUDGET INFO

January 2023

Article 3

To review more detailed budget information, visit [www.londonderry.org](http://www.londonderry.org) and click on the FY2024 [Superintendent's Budget link](#)

### BUDGET PRIORITIES

- Limits the Growth over last year's budget.
- Minimizes the differential between the operating budget and the default budget.
- Match the staffing needs to enrollment.
- Accomplish all our goals in our Strategic Plan for our students.



### GOALS FOR OUR STUDENTS



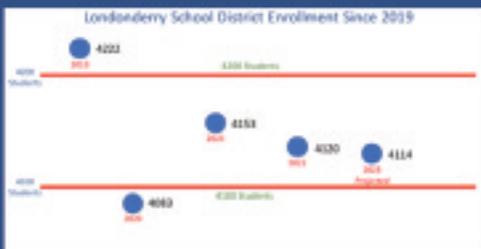
### THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED BUDGET IS \$85,436,043

After months of the Superintendent working with his administrative team, the Superintendent proposed a lean and fiscally responsible budget with about a 1.5% increase, which is much less than current inflation rates, yet still aligns with our enrollment needs and initiatives.

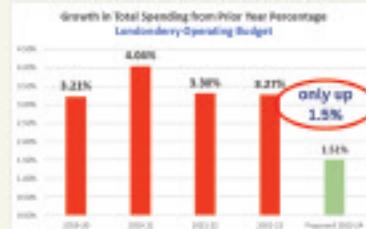
82% of this budget is personnel, the people who support our students and their needs.

Both the School Board and Budget Committees reviewed the budget, studied documents, and watched many presentations; overall, they agreed the budget was responsible and were uncomfortable with any more cuts.

### WE ARE LOOKING AT A STABLE ENROLLMENT



### PAST BUDGET INCREASES & TAX IMPACTS



Proposed Budget \$85,436,043	
Amount to be Raised from Taxes	\$64,199,501
Local Tax Rate	\$12.95
Variance by Dollars	\$0.14
Variance by Percentage	1.11%

### IF THE PROPOSED BUDGET DOES NOT PASS AND WE WORK OFF A DEFAULT BUDGET, SOME CUTS WE CAN EXPECT:

- Classroom, Library, Custodial, & Various Supplies: \$18,321
- M Teams at LMS: \$21,343
- Clubs with low enrollment: \$8,239
- Afterschool Interventionists at LMS: \$11,336
- Teachers at LHS, LMS, and South (RIF effect): **\$257,670**
- No excellent temporary classroom for program move to North: \$74,000

### DEFAULT BUDGET IS \$85,037,434

On Article 3, voters can vote for the Operating Budget or the Default Budget, which is calculated by taking the previous year's operating budget, reduced and increased by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget.

The different between the Proposed and Default budgets is \$398,609.

# South School Students Display Their Talent at Annual Show



There were 15 South Elementary School students showing off their abilities at the annual Talent Show held at the school recently. The event is run by the student council, and students and staff got to vote for winners. First place went to Rylie Janulewicz, top left, for her singing; second place was awarded to Jameson Demers-Mathengu, top right, for his dancing ability; Kristen Bariteau, above center, was given third place for her gymnastics routine; and the School Choice award was given to Charles MacKenzie and Aaron Dutil, at right, for their chicken nugget song. Other contestants included: Greta Rolfe – Jump Rope; Ethan Agri and Camden Philcrantz, bottom left, Bottle Flipping & Rapping; Olivia Gudek – Violin; Alexandra Murray & Mia Mathieu – Dancing; Jace Ciras – Rubiks Cube; Kendall Cimeno – Violin; Gavin Hunt – Singing; and Samuel Rolfe – Meditation Drum. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancers To Take Three Wrestlers to New England Championships

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Three Londonderry High School wrestlers made it through the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Meet of Champions on Saturday, Feb. 25, and will now head for the New England Championship.

Sophomore, David Pento Jr., senior, Nic D'Alessandro, and junior, Patrick O'Connor all won their respective weight classes and will be competing in the 57th Annual New England Interscholastic Wrestling Championships starting on Friday, March 3, at the Providence Career and Technical Academy

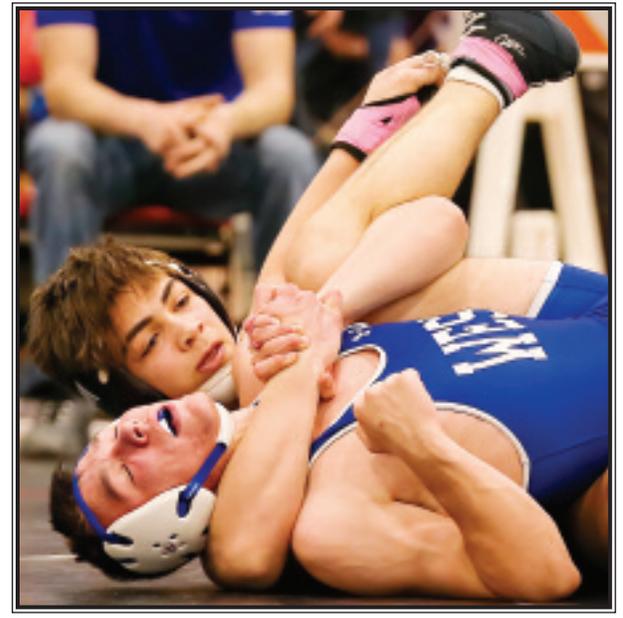
in Providence, RI on behalf of their Lancer team.

Overall the LHS squad finished in fourth place and coach, Jay Caccolo, was very happy with his team's effort. "The kids wrestle hard all day and the team really has shown how much they have grown this entire season. I couldn't be more proud and honored to have coached them this season."

Lancer D'Alessandro headed into the tourney with a 37-9 record and won his 132-pound weight class with three strong wins. In his championship match, he had a 12-9 victory against Salem's Caleb O'Rourke,



Nic D'Alessandro



David Pento Jr.

whom he had lost to at the Division I tournament the previous week. D'Alessandro also had

two pin wins on his way to the championship round. He pinned Souhegan's Logan Brown in the Semis and beat Nate Maslanek in the Quarters by a fall in less than two-minutes.

Caccolo said, "He stuck to the game plan after making some adjustments from his

lost last week. He pushed the pace and wrestled a very smart match for the win."

Pento finished the season at 42-1 and had another strong tournament to remain undefeated in the state of New Hampshire. He took first at the MOCs with three more. Pento also

had a rematch from the prior week in the championship round, beating Ben Little, of Timberlane, with 10-3 decision.

Pento also had a 14-2 major decision over Christian Morency of Manchester West and a 16-1 win over Jacob Critchfield of Hollis-

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Patrick O'Connor  
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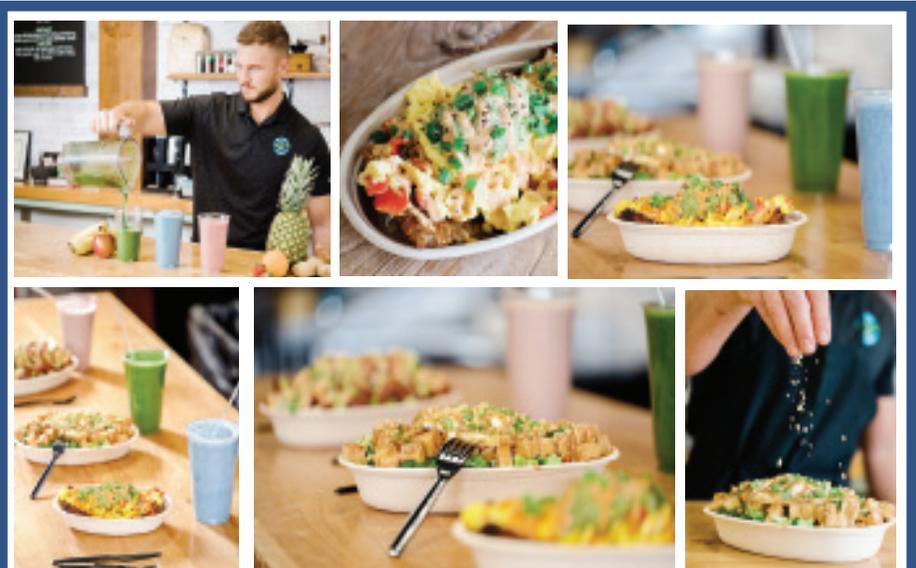
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# Lady Lancers Basketball Finish with Two Strong Wins

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball squad finished their regular season up last week with wins against Manchester's Central and Memorial and headed into the New Hampshire Inter-scholastic Athletic Associations Division I playoffs as the number 10 seed and started that tournament on Tuesday night, Feb. 28, at Windham High School against the Jaguars, who are

seeded in the #7 spot. The Lady Lancers started their week with a trip to Manchester Central High School, on Tuesday night, Feb. 21, where they easily defeated the winless Little Green 47-29 in what was an extremely fast game. Central could only watch as Londonderry scored 18-points in the first quarter while giving up just one free throw for an 18-1 lead headed into the second. In the second period, LHS tacked on another

11-points and gave up eight to take a 20-point lead headed into the half. In the second half, the Londonderry offense let up a bit, scoring just six in the third and 12 in the final quarter, but still finished with an 18-point advantage. The Lancers win resulted in the Little Green's 17th consecutive loss of the season and LHS head coach, Jon Doherty, was able to get all his players onto the court fairly evenly.

with the Lancer defense challenging Manchester at the basket and on the court for a number of turnovers due to offensive fouls. The Lancer pressure continued in the second period, with LHS outscoring Memorial 19-8 to take a 30-13 lead into the half. That lead proved to be extremely important, as the Manchester defense tightened up and Londonderry was only able to score 11-points in the second half. Fortunately, the LHS defense stayed strong and allowed just 17-points in the second half for the 41-30 win. Sullivan was once again the team leader in scoring, finishing with 20-points, including two, three-pointers and two shots from the line. Eacrett had nine-points in the victory, getting three buckets and a three-pointer. Senior Jordon Fur-



Freshman forward, Sammy Sullivan doubled teamed during the team's win over Manchester.



Lancer senior guard Shannon Ball makes her way to the basket during the team's final game of the regular season. Photos by Chris Paul

Freshman Sammy Sullivan led her team in scoring with 14-points, including two, three-pointers and four free throws.

Senior guards, Izabela Pucillo scored seven points in the first half and Shannon Ball had six points.

Freshman Brooke Eacrett and senior Cassidy Dillon both finished with five points.

Three nights later, in the Lancer team's final home game of the season, on Friday night, Feb. 24, Londonderry put together a strong first half and handed the Lady Crusaders their fourth straight loss and their ninth defeat of the season.

Londonderry led after one period 11-5,

long also had three buckets to finish with six-points and Ball had five-points in the game. Heading into the playoffs, LHS will face a Windham High School squad that finished the regular season at 11-7 and beat Londonderry two weeks ago by a score of 38-28. The game was one of the team's lowest scores of the year.

## Wrestling

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Brookline. Cucculo commented, "He stuck to the same game plan and pushed the pace and dominated the match in all three positions."

O'Connor's record went up to 39-8 with his three wins at the MOCs. He was able to claim a 6-2 victory over a very tough competitor from

Plymouth in the championship.

Cucculo was happy for O'Connor, "Pat wrestled a very smart match and didn't make any mistakes."

He also had a 4-0 victory over Sam Onge of Exeter in the Quarters and a fall win at 5:36 over Landon Calazzo of Alvirne in the Semifinals.

Sophomore Nikki Stylianos placed third in the girls' state tourna-

ment, which took place at the same time for the first time this season. She lost a close match in the Semi-finals and then wrestled back to third.

Manny Perez took fourth-place at the MOCs with three wins and a loss.

Michael Palma, Andreas Taliadouros, Owen Rondeau, and Chris Gear all wrestled hard that day but unfortunately did not place.



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# Londonderry Boys' Basketball Get Spot in Post Season

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Although it didn't seem likely a month ago, the Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball squad has found themselves competing in the Division I playoffs by virtue of winning five of the last seven regular season games.

First year head coach, Jaryd Piecuch, and his Lancers will not have an easy time heading into the playoffs as the #14 seed, as they are matched up against the Nashua North Titans, who are seeded as the #3 team.

Londonderry finished the final week of the regular season with two important wins against Manchester squads. One was on Tuesday against Central and the other was against Memorial High School on Friday night, Feb. 24.

In the Tuesday night game, the Lancers took

to their home court for the final time of the season and got behind in the first two quarters against the Little Green, but bounced back in the second half for a 69-62 win.

Londonderry trailed Central 24-19 by the end of the first, but was able to shave off three-points in the second to head into the third quarter down by two at 38-36.

The Lancers were able to shut down some of the Manchester offense in the third and took a 51-47 lead into the final period.

In that period, LHS scored 18 additional points while the Little Green scored just 15 for the 69-62 Londonderry victory.

Sophomore guard, Masson Paquette, was the top Londonderry scorer, getting 27-points on five three-pointers, eight free throws and two buckets.

Senior forward, Kevin Rourke, and senior



Sophomore guard Mason Paquette has been one of the Lancers high scorers this season.

center, Trevor Edmonds, both finished the game with 14-points. Rourke had three, three-pointers, two from the paint and two from the foul line, while Edmonds got

seven two-pointers. Following that very close game, the Lancers had a much easier time when they traveled to Manchester Memorial High School and beat



Senior guard Kyle Rondeau goes up for the hoop against Manchester Central. Photos by Chris Paul

that team 66-53. Both contingents were coming into the game at 5-12 and the winner would be moving onto the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic

Association Division I Championship.

By getting by the Crusaders, the Lancers were scheduled to play the Titans (17-1) on Wednesday night, at Nashua North High School starting at 6:30 p.m.

# Lancer Hockey Squad Host Hanover to Start Dis

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Hockey team finished the regular season at 10-8 after finishing with three straight wins in the final two weeks of February.

They head into the New Hampshire Inter-

scholastic Athletic Association Division I Championship as the number seven seed and will host Hanover High School the number 10 seed.

The Lancers are one of six teams playing in the first round of the playoffs with the game scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, March 1,

at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett, starting at 3 p.m.

The Londonderry squad beat the Hanover Bears 4-2 in their game on that team's home ice back on Jan. 7.

If LHS comes away with a victory in their first round game, they will then play the Wind-

ham High School Jaguars, who are seeded number two in the tournament.

The Lancers had a tough time with the Jags in their only meeting during the regular season, losing 8-3 on Londonderry's home ice.

The Lancers are coming off three wins over opponents that didn't make the playoffs.

Beating Bishop Brady 9-2; Nashua South 8-4; and Manchester Central West Memorial 4-3.

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# Letters

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indoctrination program. She pushed many other destructive policies. Mrs. Finamore has not been transparent with parents and has created an atmosphere at School Board meetings which apparently require the presence of armed police officers at these meetings. Mrs. Finamore, you need to ask yourself WHY this is necessary, and why the parents and residents who pay the salaries of teachers and administrators are so upset with you, your board, and the administration of our once well respected Londonderry schools.

Amy Finamore cares more about what she personally wants rather than what is good for our schools, children and families. She should not be re-elected. Vote NO and do not reelect her.

Christine Fitzgerald  
Londonderry

## Skudlarek For Budget Committee

To the editor,

My name is Paul Skudlarek and I am running for a seat on the Budget Committee. I have lived in Londonderry for 22 years, and in New Hampshire for 32 years in total. Along with my wife, we have raised two sons, both of

whom were educated through the Londonderry public school system. My professional background is in sales management and currently work for a large construction products manufacturing company.

I have been active in town in many volunteer capacities including as a youth baseball, basketball, and soccer coach for the fifteen years that my sons were playing youth sports. I was a member of the Budget Committee previously. I have been a poll worker, consistent voter, candidate for office, and participant during local, state, and federal elections. I have made it my mission to understand how our schools and

town operate by attending or watching many of the local meetings over the years, getting to know the good people who serve this community, and by being an advocate for public officials, teachers, and others who perform the daily and often thankless work to make our town operate safely and effectively.

During the past few years, our town, and many others, has witnessed a dramatic increase in aggression and intimidation toward public officials by relatively small but vocal fringe groups and their on-line allies. It is vital that we protect and strengthen the democratic institutions, like

our public schools, that are the backbone of our community, while being a strong fiscal steward of the taxpayer's money. I hope to be that advocate and am asking for your vote on March 14th.

Paul Skudlarek  
Budget Committee  
Candidate  
Londonderry

## Turning Point in our Town

To the editor,  
Londonderry has reached a turning point.

Enough is enough! The time has come for our town to restore what has been lost, and fast. The decline has to stop. Decline across govern-

ment, schools, voting irregularities, maintenance of buildings, etc, affects all of us.

The School Board headed by Amy Finamore oversaw every vote without any opposition. When she said, "We're doing very well," she isn't kidding. She has 100% agreement on every issue by minimizing discussion.

Which cities in NH have the highest concentration of top ranked public schools? They are Bedford, Hanover and Hollis. Could we profit by consultation with these towns about their school policies? Might our parents vote for a new assistant Superintendent for Londonderry?

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ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION  
LONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 14, 2023

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ARTICLES

Article 2 Special Article - District Wide Infrastructure Repair and Replacement

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) for the design and construction of repairs and the replacement of the District's HVAC systems, pump house and other infrastructure projects, including but not limited to; heating plant and boilers, air handling and ventilation equipment, energy recovery units, pneumatic controls, and security systems; and to authorize the issuance of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 253:1 et seq. as amended; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state, or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the School Board to draw, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$100,000 for the first year's interest payments thereon; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action, including the acquisition and/or conveyance of any property interest or necessary utility easement, or to pass any other vote relative thereto? (3/5 Ballot Vote)

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES

NO

Article 3 - General Fund - Operating Budget

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, or separate warrant articles, one of the following amounts for the purposes set forth in the budget posted with the warrant?

Vote for only one:

A. \$85,436,943 (School Board Budget as amended)

(Estimated Tax Impact (12.35))

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

OR

B. \$85,037,434 (Default Budget)

(Estimated Tax Impact \$12.28)

NOTE: Warrant Article 3 (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other article in this warrant.

YES

NO

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4 - Londonderry Custodians [AFSCME Local 1801] Bargaining Agreement

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Custodians (AFSCME Council 93/Local 1801), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,495 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost	(Estimated Tax Impact)
FY2023-2024	\$160,495	\$0.03
FY2024-2025	\$140,189	\$0.03
FY2025-2026	\$141,735	\$0.03

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES

NO

Article 5 - Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the Londonderry School District, if Article 4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting at its option to address Article 4 cost items only?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES

NO

Article 6 - School Lunch Program and Federal Fund Projects

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to accept and receive federal grants and other such funds to support the school lunch program and federal projects; further to raise and appropriate such funds in a special revenue fund as follows: school lunch program, \$1,819,484; and federal projects \$1,322,000; for an estimated total appropriation of \$3,401,484 such funds to be self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES

NO

Article 7 - Non-Lapsing Special Article - Improvements to Building Security

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 for the purpose of improving School Wide security systems district wide? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed, or June 30, 2027, whichever comes first.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES

NO

Article 8 - Special Article - Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$445,000 to be placed in the District Wide Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund established in March 2021 School District meeting for the purpose of the maintenance, construction, renovations, improvements and related professional services to all buildings, grounds, fields, substructures, and infrastructure to the overall property of the Londonderry School District? The fund shall provide the funding source for all equipment, structures, professional services, machinery, and materials, necessary to sustain efficiency, safety, of the District's buildings, grounds, and infrastructure and subsurface that meet the needs of the School District.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.09)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES

NO

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donderry and Derry? What a concept?

Statewide we are increasingly lumped with California, New York, Illinois, and Vermont.

Politics does make strange bedfellows.

Our state motto: Live Free or Die bears serious consideration, especially now.

We can agree that the family is the backbone of society. Our priorities are God, family and country. Additionally when the government fears the people, we have freedom. But conversely, if the priorities are money, power and tyranny we have social-

ism and the people fear the government.

Sincerely  
Eileen Tully  
Londonderry

## Kipp for Town Moderator

To the editor,  
My name is Jonathan Kipp, and I ask for your vote to continue as your Town Moderator. The Town Moderator is elected every two years and, under New Hampshire law, presides over the Town Deliberative Session and oversees the conduct of voting in all elections held in Londonderry. Since I took office in 2020 my primary goal as Town Moderator has been to en-

sure we have fair, safe, and efficient elections and deliberative sessions, and our election team continues to achieve that goal.

I believe my experience and education are ideally suited for the Town Moderator role. I have a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a master's degree in Public Administration, both from UNH. In 2016 I retired as Operations Manager from the NH Public Risk Management Exchange after a 30-year career assisting New Hampshire's cities, towns, counties, and school districts with their risk financing and risk management efforts. For the last several years I taught courses

in Management and Public Administration at Granite State College. In 2019, I successfully completed the Leadership Londonderry program.

Please vote in our local elections on March 14, 2023, at the Londonderry High School gym! When you do, I hope I have earned your vote for Town Moderator so I may continue to serve the community where my family and I have lived since 1986.

Jonathan Kipp  
Londonderry

## Amy for School Board

To the editor,  
"Children are human beings whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future." ~ Maria Montessori

This quote certainly resonates with me as a mom of an eight-year-old and resident of Londonderry. I'm a proud single mom by choice and have worked hard and made many sacrifices to live in this town. I moved here nine years ago so that my son could attend a better school than where we lived prior. The last few years have been an

adventure to say the least; an adventure with many struggles but also one with many silver linings. As we come out of the pandemic and continue to navigate the weight of inflation, I, like many, are concerned about budgets and taxes. While I think each school board candidate brings some useful skills to the table, I fully support Amy Finamore. I've witnessed her subjected to disrespect and harassment while she managed her duties on the school board. She handled it with grace, an open mind and the integrity that makes me trust her with such important decisions regarding our children.

Amy manages a family, a full time job and the time intensive service to our school community that comes with being a school board member. She cares about our children and our town. Professionally, Amy has a track record of increasing the quality of higher education by working collaboratively with stakeholders and basing decision making on data driven strategic planning. Her education in economics adds a beneficial lens to look through with regard to financial decision-making. With her well-rounded skills and compassion, she is currently a great asset to our school board and will continue to be as we navigate much needed growth and change.

We all know that low voter turnout means

that local school board elections can be dominated by the loudest horn, and one that is not always in the best interest of all children. Please show up to vote this year and re-elect Amy Finamore so that our children can have a model for greater possibilities.

Thank you,  
Karen Pied  
Londonderry NH

## My Recommendations for Town Election

To the editor,  
Because so many people have not asked me who I suggest they vote for in the upcoming Town

elections on March 14th, I feel compelled to submit this Letter to the Editor.

For School Board - Amy Finamore, I think she has done a marvelous job as Board Chair and

has shown real leadership in a very contentious period for our School Board.

For Town Council Ted Combes and Tammy Siekman, both of whom I respect and have worked with over a number of years.

For Budget Committee I recommend Paul Skudlarek and Tara Miles. Paul has experience serving on the Committee and Tara would bring a fresh new voice to the Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim Green  
Londonderry

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ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION  
LONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 14, 2023

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 9 - Special Article - District Technology Network Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund  
Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be placed in the School District Technology Network Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund established in March 2019 School District meeting to provide funds for equipment and services for the school district network infrastructure such as, but not limited to, routers, wiring, switches, access points, wireless network improvements or any other equipment software or service that is necessary for the maintenance, improvement, performance or management of the district's network?  
(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES   
NO

Article 10 - Purchase of Computer Devices for Educational Purposes  
Shall the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$250,000 for the purchase and distribution of individual computer devices for students, with this sum to come from the June 30, 2023 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023 and no amount to be raised by additional taxation? This appropriation will expand our program which provides computer devices to students for the purpose of providing 21st century learning opportunities to all students and to enhance their education. This program will be an ongoing operational cost for the information technology department.  
(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES   
NO

Article 11 - Special Article - Equipment Capital Reserve Fund  
Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$80,000 to be placed in the School District Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of funding the acquisition of minor on-going equipment and tools, such as but not limited to classroom furniture, technology, furniture, building maintenance equipment and tools, used in the School District, with this sum to come from the June 30, 2023 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023 and no amount to be raised by additional taxation?  
(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES   
NO

Article 12 - Special Article - Vehicle and Machinery Capital Reserve Fund  
Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$73,500 to be placed in the Vehicle and Machinery Capital Reserve Fund established in March 2020 School District meeting to provide funds for the acquisition of vehicles and machinery with this sum to come from the June 30, 2023 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023 and no amount to be raised by additional taxation?  
(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

YES   
NO

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# Kids Coop Theatre Readies to Perform 'Big, The Musical'

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the Kids Coop Theatre group have been diligently working at their studio in Derry to present "Big - The Musical" at the Derry Opera House on March 17-19.

This is the theatre company's first all-ages production of Big, the Musical, based on the classic 1987 motion picture that helped launch the career of Tom Hanks.

The original musical features the witty, moving, and insightful writing of John Weidman, who created the musical adaptation in 1996, and also features a dazzling, energetic, heartfelt, contemporary score by David Shire and Richard Maltby, Jr. Big is a perfect show for audiences of all ages.

The musical is based around Josh Baskin, played by Ryan Quinlan, who is sick of being an awkward young boy and at a carnival, he makes a



wish to the Zoltar machine to become "big." To his shock, his wish is granted. After an understandably awkward beginning, Josh is forced to do "adult" things, like getting a job and a girlfriend. In the end, he discovers that there's much more to being an adult than he bargained for and learns that we must all grow up at our own pace, in our own time.

The Kids Coop Theatre's production is directed by Angèlica Forcier Rosenthal, of

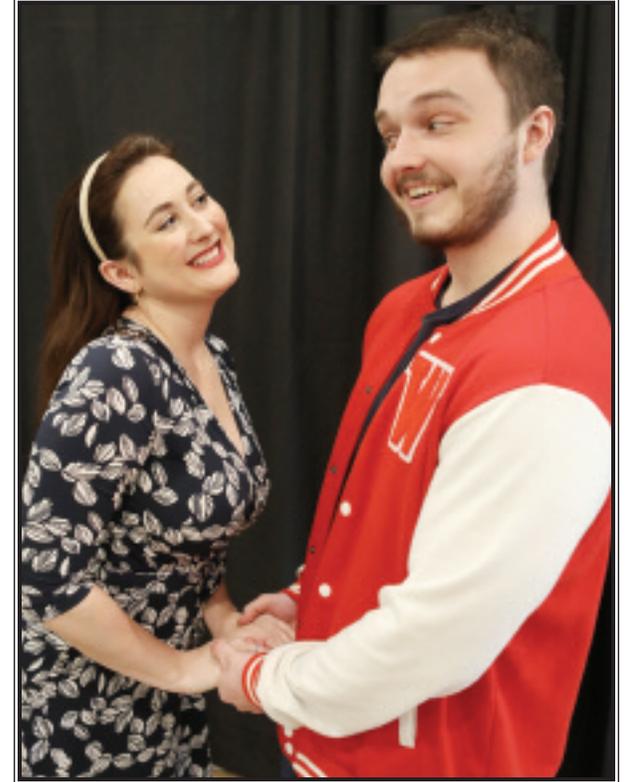
Goffstown, with music direction by Jesse Drake of Manchester, and choreographed by Briana Arico of Derry.

The 23-member cast features actors, ages eight to adult from a number of local town.

Big, the Musical will be performed at the historic Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway, Derry, starting on March 17, at 7 p.m., March 18 at 7 p.m., and March 19 at 1 p.m. All tickets are \$15 and are available at [www.kidscooptheatre.ludus.com](http://www.kidscooptheatre.ludus.com).

Discounted group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more for all performances. Contact us at [admin@kctnh.org](mailto:admin@kctnh.org) for more information.

Cast and characters are: Josh Baskin played by Ryan Quinlan; Susan Lawrence - Sara Landry; Mrs. Baskin - Alanna Griffin-Bales; Mr. Baskin - Tom Lott; Billy Kopecki - Deontae Lepine; Young Josh Baskin - Colin Kurczewski; George MacMillian - Paul Battaglia; Paul Seymour - Garrett Meyer; Miss Watson -



Colleen Deitrich; Derek - Parker Danzey; Cynthia Benson - Eloise Ellis; Zoltar - Mark Kelly; Youth Ensemble: Parker Danzey, Amelia Detore, Ashtyn Eichelberger, Eloise Ellis, Quinn Giarusso, Morgan Haverty, Aliyah Howard, Colin Kurczewski; Adult Ensemble: Sam Campanel-

la, Colleen Deitrich, Erika Ellis, Ben Fernekees, Mark Kelly, Nicole Lepine, Tom Lott, Garrett Meyer, Ilana Peet, Julia Vigeant. The Kids Coop Theatre was established in 1997 and provides a venue for children and adults to showcase their talents.

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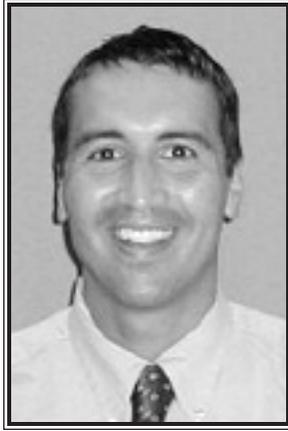
# Jason Parent Named as New Assistant Superintendent

On February 14, upon the unanimous recommendation from the Assistant Superintendent Hiring Committee, the School Board voted in support of current Londonderry High School Principal Jason Parent becoming the District's next Assistant Superintendent starting July 1st, 2023. Parent has spent the past six months serving as both LHS Principal and the Interim Assistant Superintendent grades 6-12. Board member Bob Slater notes of Parent "When the Assistant Superintendent Committee submitted their unanimous decision to the Board for Jason Parent to be named the next Assistant Superintendent, I was thrilled. I am so glad Jason applied for this position, as I know his already proven leadership qualities and commitment to our entire school district for over the past 19 years. He will be instrumental in moving Londonderry School District to an even higher level of education for

all of our students!"

Parent began his career in Londonderry in 2003 as an Assistant Principal at LHS when he started an alternative pathway for students to earn their diplomas. His work to first implement the Adult Education Program has helped hundreds of students earn their diplomas or Hi-Set certificates. He ran a welcoming and organized House Office, where he was known for his collaborative leadership style. He was recognized as the NH Assistant Principal of the Year in 2007.

His many successes led to his appointment as LHS Principal in 2008, when LHS was named NH High School of the Year. As Principal, Parent led the high school through several successful NEASC accreditation processes; implemented career and college ready goals, the College Board Assessment Suite, which led to the state's accountability assessment, then competency-based education and remediation parameters; re-charged



Jason Parent

the Londonderry High School Hall of Fame recognition of staff, students, and community members; led students and staff through Covid learning; organized a 1:1 device initiative for all students; and supported the daily operations of the high school through the leadership of his administrative team and staff. Parent supports students involved in athletic, academic, musical, and extracurricular events all year long. He

remains calm in crisis, and he makes himself available to staff, students, and families. He also has mentored several aspiring leaders during his time as Principal. North School Principal Paul Dutton says, "Jay believes in empowering and supporting all those around him: teachers, staff and students and has inspired others to be educational leaders, including myself."

Parent was inducted into the LHS Hall of Fame in 2017, and in 2018, he was named the NHASC Administrator of the Year. Additionally, Parent has spent many years on the NHIAA Executive Council, where he also served as President of the organization. Parent is currently the third longest tenured Principal in NH, with 15 years as LHS's leader. Parent has raised his family in town and

coached several teams in the community.

Superintendent Daniel Black shares Parent's next chapter, "Watching Jason through the many steps of our hiring process made a few things very clear to me and the entire hiring committee: (1) Jason is very dedicated to the Londonderry students, staff, and community and he is looking to evolve his career here in a new path to support all three; (2) he has the strengths in the areas of curriculum, instruction,

and assessment to guide our staff to make our academic program even stronger in the coming years; (3) and finally he is going to put in the time and effort and do whatever it takes to be highly effective in this new role and make sure Londonderry gets stronger in what we do as a school system. We are lucky he will take the next steps in his career here with us."

Parent is excited to begin the next phase of his career. The search for a new LHS Principal will begin in March.

## OBITUARY

### Joseph D. Caristi



Joseph D. Caristi, 89, of Plaistow, NH died on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023 in his home with family by his side. He was born on Aug. 11, 1933 in Boston, MA, son of the late Joseph and Mary (Ball) Caristi. He had been a resident of Plaistow for the past 25 years, formerly living in Hampstead, NH and the Middlesex County region of MA. He was a US Army veteran serving as a military police officer during the Korean Conflict. Throughout his long career, Joe took pride in being self employed, working into his 70s installing hardwood floors primarily in the Merrimack Valley, MA and Southern NH regions.

Everything Joe did, he did for his family, with whom he loved spending his time. He enjoyed tending to his vegetable garden and cared deeply about global affairs and the state of the world in which he and his family lived. He is survived by his daughter Deborah Flood and her husband Paul of Londonderry, NH; his son Robert Caristi and his wife Dorothy of Bristol, NH; five grandchildren, Ann Marie, Robert, Joseph, Cristi, and Spenser; three great grandchildren; his sister Elaine Walker of Rockland, MA; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by the love of his life, wife Ruth (Robbins) Caristi in 1992; his son Raymond Caristi; and his grandson David Caristi.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, March 2 from 3 - 5 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A graveside service will be held on Friday, March 3 at 11 a.m., in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry Rd., East Derry, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; Shriners Burn Center, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114; or an animal rescue center of your choosing. To send a condolence, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)

## OBITUARY

### Leah Anne Eggleston Krygowski



Leah Anne Eggleston Krygowski, 55, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, in Community Hospice House, Merrimack, NH. She was born on March 5, 1967, in Anchorage, AK, a daughter of Norman and Joyce (Graham) Eggleston.

Leah was a voracious reader and some-time blogger who loved hiking, being outdoors with her Cairn Terriers, and travelling, and spending time with her husband.

Leah is survived by her loving husband of 18 years, John Krygowski; brother, Patrick G. Eggleston; as well as extended family members and friends: Lynn White Sohn of Canandaigua, NY and Katherine Walker of Merrimack, NH.

Leah was predeceased by her father, Norman Eggleston and by her mother Joyce Eggleston.

Following cremation, a burial will take place at a later date in spring at Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to Community Hospice House of Merrimack, NH, or your local Humane Society.

## OBITUARY

### Kathy A. Allston

Kathy A. Allston, 71, formerly of Winchester, MA, passed away Sunday Feb. 19, 2023, surrounded by her loving family at her daughter's home in Londonderry, NH. She was born on Nov. 29, 1951 in New York, NY, a daughter of the late Duncan and Penelope (Drayer) Mullins. Kathy ran her own home daycare. She will be remembered for the impact she had on the lives of the many children in her care over the years. She enjoyed quilting and crafting. She also enjoyed the theater. But the most important thing in her life always was and always will be her family.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 48 years, Richard Allston of Londonderry; two sons, Richard Allston and wife Kelly of N. Reading, MA, and Jay Allston and wife Elizabeth of Reading, MA; and two daughters, Kerri Brusseau and husband Eric of Londonderry and Wendi Allston and significant other Mitch Krasco of Everett, MA. She was the proud grandmother of eight grandchildren, Lucy, Casey, Charlotte, Abigail, Emmy, Isabelle, Jack, and Olivia; and is also survived by one brother, Duncan "Dave" Mullins of Windham, NH, and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours were held on Friday, Feb. 24, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Memorial contributions may be made to Defeat MSA Alliance <https://defeatmsa.org/donate-to-us>.

# Local Realtors Get Update on PFAS Bill from NHDES

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Granite State South Board of Realtors recently got a closer look into the water contamination issues that may affect local home sales.

Specifically, focusing the PFAS (Polyfluoroalkyl substances) contamination in southern New Hampshire, and a bill that would require sellers to notify buyers if they're within a contaminated well.

Amy Rousseau and Jonathan Petali, Ph.D of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services spoke to a large group of realtors gathered at the board's office in Londonderry last month.

Rousseau is a PFAS Response Coordinator and Petali is state Toxicologist and both spoke on the issues surrounding water contamination. Currently, all public water systems are tested for PFAs on a quarterly basis, this also includes non-transient community water systems such as schools, larger work places systems and apartment complexes.

Rousseau and Petali showed those attending a map of the area where they are aware of con-

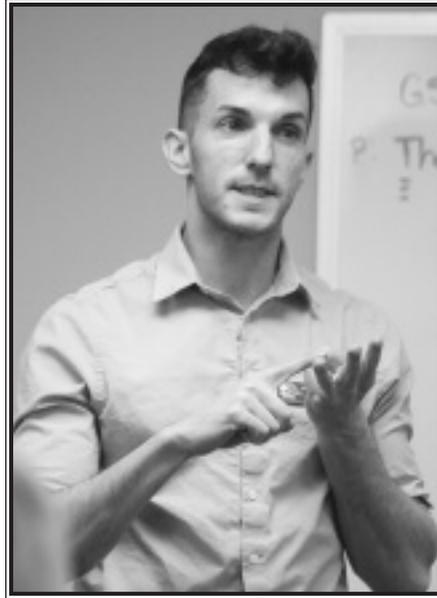
tamination issues and explained that if residents are within 500-feet of these known contaminated wells, the state is required to notify them and let them know that they are eligible for a free water test.

Petali led off the discussion by explaining where the PFAS problems began, saying that the chemical has been around for a while and comes from a number of every day products. He listed ski waxes, food processing products, clothing repellents, and fire fighting foam.

He also added that because these chemicals take a very long time to break down and a lot of the waste infrastructure around the world is not designed to break down these chemicals. He said, "We're just moving it from one place to another."

Two major granite state areas that were discovered to have PFAS contamination was at the Pease Tradeport area and in Merrimack from the Saint-Gobain Manufacturing facility.

Petali added that the main way people get this contaminant in their bodies is through ingestion, and that is why the state has now set drink-



Jonathan Petali, Ph.D and Amy Rousseau of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services spoke to the Granite State South Board of Realtors on water contamination issues. Photos by Chris Paul

ing water standards in the state. Another way is through the placenta, he explained that everyone born after the 1960s has some amount of PFAS in their body. They can also be transferred to babies by breast milk after mothers have built these chemicals up in their bodies.

Petali also said PFAS can be taken in through the air, but this is not as high a risk.

A big concern is that if someone is continually ingesting small amounts of PFAS where the levels will keep rising in the body, since they will keep building

up in the body.

Rousseau explained House Bill 398 and the change that will require notice of PFAS and other groundwater contamination prior to the sale of

property in the state.

This amends Article 477:4-a, requiring notification of Radon, Arsenic and Lead to add PFAS. It will require sellers to notify buyers if they

received a letter from the state about abutter contamination.

Unfortunately, Rousseau stated there is no database available for realtors to check if sellers are within 500-feet of a contaminated well.

There was a lot of concern that potential sellers would not notify realtors before sales and what the remedy is if someone has a contaminated well.

They were told that the best solution would be to have people hooked up to public water supplies, but if that is not possible, there are a number of water filters currently on the market.

A map showing problem areas in the region can be found through the NHDES website at [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov).

## Brodsky Prize for Student Journalism Applications Open

New Hampshire's preeminent high school journalism award is inviting submissions for the 2023 Brodsky Prize, established by a former editor of the Manchester Central High School newspaper to encourage innovation by a new generation of student journalists. The

\$5000 Brodsky Prize is open to all New Hampshire high school students, attending public, charter, or parochial schools. This year's prize is open to students using traditional print journalism and those producing news via electronic media, including broadcasting, podcast-

ing, and blogging.

Judging criteria include a student's journalistic initiative and enterprise, as well as what Jeffrey Brodsky calls "a contrarian nature and out-of-the-box thinking." Interested students should submit examples of their work that are illustrative of the prize criteria, including links to electronic submissions, along with a completed application. Applications can be submitted at [thebrodskyprize.org](http://thebrodskyprize.org). The deadline is March 31, 2023.

The Brodsky Prize is administered by the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications. More information on The Brodsky Prize, including past winners, is available at [thebrodskyprize.org](http://thebrodskyprize.org). More information about the Loeb School can be found at [loeb.school.org](http://loeb.school.org).

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**NOTICE OF TOWN ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that the Official Ballot Session of the Town of Londonderry's Budgetary Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium, the polls to be open at six o'clock in the morning and to close not earlier than eight o'clock in the evening

A sample ballot is posted at Londonderry Town Hall, and may be accessed on the home page of the Town's website, the Voting and Elections section, and the Town Clerk's section of the Town's website.

# AROUND TOWN

**Around Town Policy:** This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to [londonderrytimes@nutpub.net](mailto:londonderrytimes@nutpub.net).

## Meet The Candidates

Come meet the candidates running for our local office and bringing change to Londonderry on March 10, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. At the home of State Representative Kristine Perez located at 5 Wesley Dr., Londonderry. All are welcome.

## Second Annual 3v3 Hoops Tournament

The Athletic Leadership Club at Londonderry High School will be holding its Second Annual 3v3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 18. The tourney will be honoring the late Tommy Rioux, a classmate who passed away in August of 2022, and the proceeds will be going to a LBC scholarship for students that can't

afford to play sports. Games will be held in the LHS gym, with middle school teams playing from 9 a.m. to noon, high school teams playing from 12:15 to 4 p.m.

## Republican Meeting

On Thursday, March 9, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) will meet at the Londonderry Baptist Church 368 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry. Members, friends, and affiliates are welcome. They will discuss upcoming Town and School Board elections. Come and join like minded citizens for a discussion and enjoy a drink in a friendly atmosphere. For more information: <http://s://Londonderry-GOP.org>, [www.facebook.com/LondonderryGOP](http://www.facebook.com/LondonderryGOP), or contact

Chair Jonathan Esposito at [lrc@londonderry-gop.org](mailto:lrc@londonderry-gop.org)

## New Tribes of Israel by Ra'anana de Haas

Sunday, March 12, at 4 - 5:30 p.m. - Ra'anana de Haas is the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Israeli Shaliach. During this interactive workshop, Ra'anana will present how Israeli society is broken down into tribes. They will work together to try and come up with creative solutions to bridge the gap between them. The talk is in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. A minimum of 10 people is required. RSVP Required to: Stephen Soreff, MD, at [soreffs15@aol.com](mailto:soreffs15@aol.com) or 603-895-6120. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim



## Bridging Over

Ten Scouts from Pack 605 in Londonderry recently earned their Arrow of Light rank and all ten also crossed over to Troop 521 in Londonderry. The scouts that crossed over in a ceremony that took place at St. Mark's in South Londonderry where: Anthony Febonio, Brody Davis, Jackson Muller, Jordan Bundy, Richard Hodgson, Tristan Sylvestre, Alexander MacKenzie, Liam Devine, Noah Phillips, and Wyatt Zemetres. The leaders are Julie Yours in Scouting, Alison "Ali" Marcotte, Cubmaster Pack 605, Bob White past leader N1-330-21 Phillips and Eric Sylvestre who is the new Scoutmaster of Troop 521.

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## Girl Scout Shabbat

Etz Hayim Synagogue welcomes all Girl Scouts to celebrate Girl Scout Shabbat on Friday, March 17 at 7:15 p.m. All Girl Scouts who attend will be able to

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# Londonderry Police Log

### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

**Monday - Feb. 20**  
**8:09 a.m.** Services rendered by three officers for a Disturbance on Norwich Place.  
**9:35 a.m.** Suspicious Activity reported on Calla Road.  
**1:27 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Kimball Road.  
**1:31 p.m.** Medical Emergency investigated at

the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.  
**4:23 p.m.** Services rendered for Shoplifting at the N.H. Liquor Store on Rockingham Road.  
**4:27 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Granite Street.  
**4:52 p.m.** Services rendered for an Auto Theft at the Manchester

Boston Regional Airport.  
**5:26 p.m.** Five officers rendered services at a Disturbance on Nashua Road.

**Tuesday - Feb. 21**  
**8:48 a.m.** Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at the Londonderry High School.  
**11:23 a.m.** Larceny/For-

## Around Town

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created by National Jewish Committee on Girl Scouting, Inc. This service will be held in person with optional Zoom access. For the Zoom link, or if you have any questions, please contact Isabel Danforth at idanforth@gmail.com.

### Floral Arranging Class

The Londonderry Women's Club is hosting a floral arranging class at 7 p.m., on March 15 at the Marion Gerrish Community Center in Derry. Come make a spring centerpiece with our resident gardening/flower expert, meet members and learn about the club. Women from sur-

rounding towns are welcome. \$10 per person. Attendees must sign up in advance. For more information or to sign up for the event, please email info@londonderrywomensclub.org.

### To Tell the Emet

The Etz Hayim Never Ready for Prime-Time Players invites you to "To Tell the Emet (Truth), Shushan Version," using the format of the classic and present-day TV game show. For each segment, a famous/infamous character from the story of Purim will be questioned along with two imposters. Audience members will interview and vote for the real character. Between each segment, we'll sing, of course! The free perform-

ance takes place on Saturday, March 4 at 7 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH. For more information, contact rabbi@etzhayim.org.

### Veteran Credit Renewal

Do You Currently Receive A Veteran Credit On Your Property? If you do, it is time to renew. Please come in to Town Hall and go to the assessing department to fill out a renewal form, not able to make it in than call (603) 432-1100 X 135 and we will mail the form to you.

### Game On

After school on Friday afternoons, teens are invited to stop by to try out a board game at the Leach Library. Each week, one

game will be set up and ready for students to come and play. All board games are for in-library use only and may be used during library hours. Games are located in the young adult section of the library. For more information about this and other teen activities, check out the Teen Program Guide available on the library's website or at the main desk.

### Kindergarten Registration

For the 2023/2024 School Year (Children born between 10/01/17 and 9/30/18) You Do Not need to register your child if they currently attend Moose Hill. Registration begins Jan. 23. Complete the Kindergarten Registration

Packet. <https://londonderryorg-my.sharepoint.com> (Single sided printing for drop-off is also acceptable). Please check for accuracy, and sign where applicable. Submission of paperwork takes place AFTER you have connected with the registrar to request a list of required documents needed for submission Paula Gosselin at 603-432-6920 ext.1103. Do not email or drop your packets off until you have connected with the registrar.

### Book Sale Extended Hours

Thanks to many generous community volunteers, the Leach Library Book Sale located on the lower level of the library is now open more hours: Tuesdays 9:30-

11:30 a.m., Thursdays 6 - 7:45 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. - noon. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. Donations of gently used materials are accepted any time during library operating hours. Please check the Materials Donations Guidelines on the Leach Library website or call the library with any questions at (603) 432-1132.

### Be Kind - Do Good

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen located at 6 Crystal Ave., Derry, is seeking Volunteers age 18+ for help preparing and serving drive-through meals: Monday -Thursday, 3 - 6 p.m. For more information or if you have questions call 603.437.2833.

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gery/Fraud investigated at the Walgreen Drug Store on Nashua Road.

**11:48 a.m.** Animal Control investigated a Dog Bite on Shasta Drive.

**5:21 p.m.** Services rendered for Identity Theft on Holton Circle.

**7:02 p.m.** Disturbance reported on Fieldstone Drive.

**9 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Mammoth Road.

### Wednesday - Feb. 22

**7:51 a.m.** Services rendered by three officers for a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Page Road.

**3:14 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Homegoods on Michels Way.

**4:13 p.m.** Welfare Check performed by three officers on Pinyon Place.

**4:38 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers on Pettengill Road at Industrial Drive.

**5:28 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Rockingham Road at Page Road. Three officers assist with charging Samantha Sanborn, 27, of Manchester, on six Bench Warrants; and Driving after having License

Revoked/Suspended.

**7:02 p.m.** Services rendered by four officers for a Disturbance on Crackling Log Lane.

### Thursday - Feb. 23

**3:35 a.m.** Medical Emergency investigated at Amazon on Green Drive.

**12:12 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Nashua Road.

**1:10 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Check at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road leads to an arrest made by two officers.

Robert Doane, 50, of Manchester, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; and Driving after having License Revoked/Suspended.

**7:17 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted by four officers on Mammoth Road.

**8:27 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Morrison Drive.

**10:16 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance on Pillsbury Road.

### Friday - Feb. 24

**12:07 p.m.** Services rendered for Wires Down on High Range Road.

**12:55 p.m.** Warrant served and an arrest made at the Londonderry Police Department. Nathan Masters Olson,

24, of Wilton, charged with: seven counts of having the Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images; and seven counts of having Distributing Child Sexual Abuse Images.

**2:12 p.m.** Involuntary Emergency Admission arrest made at Londonderry Police Department for the aforementioned Nathan Masters Olson, 24, of Wilton.

**2:58 p.m.** Services rendered for Shoplifting at the N.H. Liquor Store on Rockingham Road.

**6:04 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Granite Street.

**6:31 p.m.** Medical Emergency transported to a hospital from the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**7:26 p.m.** Services rendered on Hunter Boulevard for trespassing.

**7:36 p.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

### Saturday - Feb. 25

**1:18 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop on Mammoth Road at Shasta Drive leads to an arrest made by four officers. Stephanie Lynne Symonds, 42, of Londonderry, charged with

Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

**2:12 a.m.** Warrant Served and arrest made on at the Bedford Police Department. Mounir Zerguine, 39, of Manchester, charged with Unlawful Activities - Litter Control.

**2:57 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Mayflower Drive.

**6:38 p.m.** Services rendered for an Auto Theft on Boulder Drive.

**10:46 p.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

### Sunday - Feb. 26

**11:55 a.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Royal Lane.

**4:26 p.m.** Services rendered for a shooting complaint reported on Apollo Road at Acropolis Avenue.

**5:03 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop on Route 93 at Exit 5, Northbound On-Ramp, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Charles Desrochers, 36, of Salem, charged with the Violation of a Protective Order.

**6:34 p.m.** Four officers conduct a Welfare Check on Pendleton Lane.

## Schools to Receive Free Access to STEM and Computer Science Resources

To support educators, the New Hampshire Department of Education is providing schools with access to Learning Blade®, the online STEM and Computer Science career platform that also offers professional development opportunities for teachers.

Learning Blade is now available, at no cost, to New Hampshire school districts, and will continue to be offered through September.

"This platform is an ideal way to help develop student interest in high-demand careers by increasing awareness of the many occupational fields that might appeal to Granite State youth," said Anne Wallace, a STEM education consultant with NHED. "These lessons also bridge the gap between academics and the numerous social issues that teens genuinely care about."

The Learning Blade

platform includes online student lessons, aligned to New Hampshire's state academic standards, that will educate students in grades 5-9 about a wide variety of STEM and Computer Science careers using real-life situations in a mission-based format. In addition, the system provides teacher lesson plans to support educators and introduce Career and Technical Education

"Providing students

and educators in New Hampshire with access to high-quality educational resources that introduce students to careers in IT, cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing, bioengineering, energy, robotics, entrepreneurship, agriculture, and more helps to build the future workforce," said Sheila Boyington, CEO of Learning Blade. Schools and educational organizations can sign up here online for Learning Blade.

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