

SAU #71 M E M O 3

To: Goshen-Lempster School Community

From: Michele Munson, Superintendent SAU #71

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The Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School District School Board would like to invite you to an informational session on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 as they discuss revising the district's tuition policy. This meeting will be held in the GLCS school gym immediately following the H1N1 Clinic (Please see Clinic information below).

The reason for revising this policy is due to a 23% increase in the tuition for our students to go to Newport High School. The current tuition is \$12,030.00 and new tuition will be \$14,794.00. Under our current policy, this increase will cost the district \$118,141.00.

Our policy JEC currently reads “ ***Any student who is eligible to attend grades 9-12 and who resides in the towns of Goshen or Lempster is eligible to have his/her tuition paid by the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School District to a public high school in another school district in accordance with RSA 194:27. The tuition will be paid to the higher of either Fall Mountain or Newport. Tuition will be subject to annual review.***” They are considering changing the policy to read “ ***Tuition will be paid at the Fall Mountain rate.***”

However, this change could impact your family. The Fall Mountain tuition will be \$ 12,659. If the Board makes this change in policy, it will mean that all Goshen or Lempster students will need to pay \$2,135 for NHS, \$1,876 for Stevens HS, or more for Sunapee. They are concerned about additional costs G-L families would need to absorb and about the possibility of uprooting students during their high school careers. They are looking for ways to raise the funds necessary to support students who attend NHS, to continue.

Although we have an AREA agreement to send our students to the Fall Mountain Regional High School (FMRHS) few of our students make the decision to attend and many of our students go to Newport High School. **There is no plan to have all students attend FMRHS**, but it would be the Board's hope that more students might choose to attend FMRHS. Future conversations regarding presentations, additional buses, etc. are planned.

The GLCSD School Board would like you to be a part of solving this problem and hope that you will be able to bring your ideas to this meeting.

H1N1 Clinic Information – We will be having a H1N1 Clinic at the Goshen-Lempster school on Wed. December 16 at 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will be able to vaccinate children between the ages of 6 months and 24 years, pregnant women, and health care workers. The clinic doors will open at 3:00 and for safety reasons parents who are picking their children up and who plan to attend to clinic are asked to park off of school grounds. The clinic entrance will be through the doors opposite the playground. It will be marked so look for signs. **All children will need to be accompanied by a parent.**

Upon entering the clinic, everyone will be given a number and will be vaccinated in that order. The injections will be given by nurses from CT Valley Visiting Nurses and other health care professional volunteers will be at the clinic to answer your questions. We are sorry for this late notice. We at Goshen-Lempster did our part in planning this clinic and but the date was out of our hands. Heidi Wilcox