

School Department



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This past year has once again been filled with wonderful learning opportunities for the students of the Saco school community.

As we continue work toward implementation of the Maine Learning Results, the year's focus has been upon English/Language Arts and Science content. In addition, work has started on the Comprehensive Local Assessment System, which must be in place by the end of the 2003-2004 school year. The system will allow us to track progress, collect, analyze and use data to inform the process of teaching and learning, and to provide the community with more accurate information.

Our technology upgrade allowed us to improve hardware in our classrooms and labs. Integrating technology with the curriculum continues to be a goal.

Saco schools have had a crisis plan in place, and in the wake of September 11, we have reviewed it and made any necessary updates. The team involves staff, administrators and city emergency personnel. Please know we will always do our best to keep students safe while they are in our care.

The past year has also been one of construction and moves. Once again, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Saco for their overwhelming support of the school bond projects. As the school year opened the C.K. Burns, Young, and Fairfield projects were complete. Upgrades have really improved the instructional environment. I hope you will find an opportunity to visit and see the results.

Saco Middle School is beginning "Phase 3" of the three-phase project. Staff and students have appreciated the newly created classrooms. Core facilities will be worked on this summer with a late August completion date for the entire project.

Finally, the Transportation Office and our school bus fleet were moved to the Public Works facility in August. Maintenance and fuel are accessible and the additional parking at the Middle School is a bonus.

Our schools strive to involve home, school and community in the education process. Thank you very much to the many people who, working together, make the Saco Schools a great learning environment for our children.

Respectfully submitted,
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