

Regional School Unit No. 19

Local Allocation of 2014 PreK to 12 and Adult Education Costs

Title 20-A of Maine’s Statutes contains instructions associated with funding local education and how towns must be assessed local costs. Costs are divided between local education of students from Pre-kindergarten through grade 12 and adult education.

The regional school budget meeting is asked to consider costs for PreK thru 12 using a cost center summary budget format. In that meeting costs associated with adult education are considered as a separate article. Once amounts are adopted, RSU’s are expected to provide participating municipalities separate assessments for the PreK – 12 costs and any costs with adult education programs. [See 20-A 1485, and 20-A 1489].

In fiscal year 2013, RSU 19 sent “Tax Assessment for School Purposes” sheets to each participating town with a detailed breakdown having five categories of cost, local foundation allocation, additional local allocation, local debt service allocation, adult education, and school nutrition. There was no separate assessment for adult education; it was imbedded in the total payable to the district. Revenues were commingled with the 2013 General Fund budget and there were no adult education expenses shown.

In fiscal year 2014, RSU 19 will send towns a similar sheet which will separate the PreK through grade 12 amount from any approved adult education local program costs, consistent with what is required by statute. The meeting on the 28th will consider raising \$80-thousand to locally fund adult education in RSU 19. This cost will NOT be imbedded in the PreK through grade 12 amount and will be billed separately. Towns should include the following amounts based on successful adoption of the \$80-thousand amount for adult education.

Town	Percent	Amount
Corinna	11.21%	\$ 8,968
Dixmont	7.87%	\$ 6,296
Etna	6.73%	\$ 5,384
Hartland	12.64%	\$10,112
Newport	26.27%	\$21,016
Palmyra	11.93%	\$ 9,544
Plymouth	7.67%	\$ 6,136
St. Albans	15.68%	\$12,544

If the May 28th meeting adopts the budget as presented, the total local allocation by town will be amount shown in the table on page 2 of the Budget Booklet and the amount in the table above. For example, Newport’s total allocation would be \$2,193,135.14 plus \$21,016 for a total of \$2,214,151.14. Compared to 2013, the amount is up by \$30,653.47 or 1.4 percent.