

# School Administrative District No. 53

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## **District Information:**

### **School Budget information:**

1. The district budget meeting will be conducted on May 27, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in the Warsaw gymnasium. The Board will seek approval of a budget totaling \$9,899,149.78. This is \$278,106.35 less than this current year's budget, however, because of reductions in state funding local assessments will increase \$109,676.73 over the amount raised for the current school budget. The increases in assessment by municipality are: Burnham - \$25,889.40, Detroit - \$35,776.25 and Pittsfield - \$48,011.08.
2. This year's budget validation referendum warrant and ballot will have a second question. The district will ask voters to decide if they wish to continue the budget validation process i.e. approve a budget at a district budget meeting and then validate that vote by gaining a favorable vote at a referendum, or, to adopt the school budget by holding the district budget meeting but discontinue the validation referendum.

### **New PK – 4 school building application:**

1. The Board voted to submit an application to build a new PK-4 school with the possibility of integrating a community center. The application is nearly complete and needs to be submitted prior to June 15, 2010.

### **School Consolidation:**

1. The Board received a letter from the Maine Dept. of Education Commissioner Susan Gendron prior to her leaving her post, informing us that the district falls under the school consolidation laws as a "donut hole". Therefore the district will, after gaining approval of an Alternative Plan submittal, be considered in compliance with the consolidation laws and will operate as its own School Administrative Unit. This means that the district will not be subject to non-consolidation penalties.