



# Regional School Unit #34

Alton, Bradley, and Old Town

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## **Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Highlights**

- This summer we'll expand our regional "Tech Academy" to a more comprehensive "Teaching & Leading Academy." We (OTSD then RSU #34) founded Tech Academy locally many years ago, then expanded it regionally through the Penobscot River Educational Partnership. The expansion has been a great fit for us, as it enables bringing in a greater diversity of expert guests to work with our staff.
- Much thanks to Winnie Allen, OTHS English Teacher, for working with seniors on their portfolio presentations! The students presented portfolios showing how they meet Maine's Guiding Principles (e.g., Self-Directed & Lifelong Learner, Collaborative & Innovative Problem-Solver). It was very interesting to see the students weave in what they've learned from their academic work with their work in volunteer organizations, on teams, and employment.
- Our K-12 wellness folks (Health teachers, PE teachers, & school counselors) did some great work coordinating and re-imagining how we will teach students physical, mental, and social health. We have much more implementation work to do this summer, but we're off to a great start!
- Our River Runners team is nearing the conclusion of their first year! Planning is underway for summer efforts, and Jessie Dumont is pre-recruiting our 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

*(River Runners is inspired by Trekkers, Inc. and their 10 Youth Programming Principles and is part of the Emanuel and Pauline A. Lerner Foundation's Aspirations Incubator Program, a pilot initiative focused on establishing long-term, mentoring-based youth development models in eight rural communities and small cities across Maine).*

## **OTHS STEM Leaders Program and Honors Diploma Program Highlights**

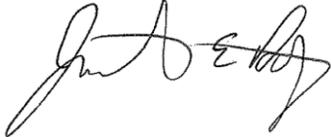
- Seniors are presenting their capstone projects this week! Much thanks to Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Stone, and their Honors/STEM diploma mentors for guiding them through this process. Thanks also to the staff members who squeeze out time at this very busy part of the school year to attend their presentations, ask questions, and give feedback. It's exciting to see the culmination of 13-14 years of our educators' hard work with these students!

## **Title IA, IIA, IV-A Programs**

*Every student deserves to make continuous progress in school.*

- We welcome public comment regarding our Every Student Succeeds Act programs. Title IA primarily funds interventions for students such as math intervention, literacy intervention, and Reading Recovery. Title IIA primarily funds professional development to continually develop staff expertise and capacity. Title IVA funds a diversity of efforts, including technology, safe & healthy schools, and well-rounded education. Behind each of these programs is the ESSA “Comprehensive Needs Assessment & Consolidated Plan.” To be involved with the goal-setting for these programs please contact [Jon.Doty@rsu34.org](mailto:Jon.Doty@rsu34.org)

Respectfully Submitted,

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