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From: John McDonald, RSU 13 Superintendent of Schools

RE: **A Special Note to RSU 13 Families Regarding the RSU 13 Parent/Guardian Economic Status Survey**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are once again at the most exciting time of the year as we begin to welcome our students' return to another year of learning adventures and growth. Despite the challenges of preparing for school in the context of the COVID pandemic, our principals, teachers, and support staff have been working diligently to insure that we have everything in place and are ready for a positive, safe, and enjoyable beginning.

We are also tremendously grateful to our family of RSU 13 communities for their generous and continuous support of our schools and programs. Providing a well-rounded education is truly a collaborative, community effort, and with the support of our communities RSU 13 is able to offer a variety of comprehensive educational programs that support all aspects of student learning.

The purpose of this letter is to let you also know that several of our educational programs depend on federal grants for continuous funding. Typically these programs provide remedial instruction in literacy and mathematics, professional development opportunities for teachers, or special projects for other aspects of student support services. This past year RSU 13 received nearly \$1,000,000 in Federal Funds to support these critical services.

However, our ability to continue to receive these **Federal Funds** is dependent, more than ever, on all parents/guardians completing and returning the **RSU 13 Parent/Guardian-Economic Status Form** that accompanies this letter, or by completing the survey via the secure Maine Department of Education link provided below:

<https://mainedoews.net/2021/07/14/media-release-call-to-action-for-maine-parents-complete-the-meal-benefit-at-school-this-year-even-if-school-meals-are-free/>

The amount of federal funding that RSU 13 continues to receive is directly tied to the information collected by returning this form. A lack of return of the economic status forms may result in the reduction of needed services or the inability of the district to provide federally funded services in specific schools.

With this in mind, I urge all parents of RSU 13 students to complete and submit these important forms to the schools serving your student(s) by September 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me, your school principal, or Peter Orne, RSU 13 Business Manager, 596-6620 or [peter.orne@rsu13.org](mailto:peter.orne@rsu13.org).

With sincere appreciation for your kind assistance!