

# REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #71

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To: RSU #71 Parents and Community Members

Referencing: Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Application

Federal funding is allotted to school districts throughout Maine through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Application (ESEA). Our district completes the application process, requesting funding for the following:

**Title I -- Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged**

To provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps.

**Title II -- Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High Quality Teachers and Principals**

Increases the academic achievement of all students by helping schools and districts improve teacher and principal quality.

**Title IV -- Provides funding to improve students' academic achievement by increasing school district capacity to:**

Provide all students with access to a well-rounded education; Improve school conditions for student learning; and Improve the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students.

**Title V -- Rural Education Initiative**

To address the unique needs of rural school districts that frequently — (1) lack the personnel and resources needed to compete effectively for Federal competitive grants; and (2) receive formula grant allocations in amounts too small to be effective in meeting their intended purposes

Funding for these projects is based on evidence of student needs using district and school data.

You are invited to attend the July 8th RSU #71 School Board Meeting at the Troy Howard Middle School at 5:30. You will be provided information about the tentative projects identified in the RSU #71 ESEA application and have the opportunity to share feedback on the use of federal funds in our district. The information shared will also be posted on the Title I webpage at [www.rsu71.org](http://www.rsu71.org) found under the Departments heading.

If you are unable to attend and would like to share feedback, please feel free to contact me through e-mail. ([lmiller@rsu71.org](mailto:lmiller@rsu71.org)) or call at 338-1960.

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