



The School Options committee held our first work session last Tuesday, November 25th. We were pleased to have completed all items on our robust agenda (see previous posts). The committee members began by sharing their reasons for being on the committee. Preservation of the Kingfield school, the quality education, and the economic vitality and stability of the community were all emphasized. All members agreed the Kingfield school was a vital part of the educational, social and economic prosperity of Kingfield.

Some of the highlights of our work session are as follows:

1. Our consultant, Matha Witham (Muffy), explained the different school configuration options available to us according to state law. Our options include forming an Alternative Operational Structure (AOS), forming a Municipal School district or remaining in a Regional School Unit (RSU). We agreed to explore all of those alternatives in depth.
2. We discussed the importance of working with neighboring communities in our quest to explore all options. We agreed to invite representatives from Carrabassett Valley, Stratton, Strong and Phillips to a gathering to explore what options may or may not be available as a larger community moving forward.
3. We recognized we are on a tight timeline to meet all of the state requirements, so we agreed to meet twice a month starting in January. Work Sessions will be the first and fourth Tuesdays at 6:00 pm at Webster Hall. We intend to have informal community gatherings in the future when we have more information to share.
4. At our next Work Session, December 8th, we intend to discuss the structure and content of a gathering with other communities and to generate a priority list of what we value most for our kids and our community. This list will be used as a basis for future recommendations.

Thank you for your interest in this important endeavor!