

## Town of Groton, NH.

### School Update

July 2024

“The New Hampshire Board of Education has approved the formation of the Pasquaney School District for the towns of Bridgewater, Hebron, and Groton, the three towns that voted to leave School Administrative Unit #4, which governs the Newfound Area School District.

Pasquaney is the Native American name for Newfound Lake, and is said to mean “the place where birch bark for canoes is made”.

“The new cooperative school district will begin operations on July 1, 2025, and will be responsible for kindergarten through Grade 12 — which likely will mean having to tuition students to an area middle school (while we transition) and high school.

The state board’s June 13 approval allowed the selectmen of the three towns to appoint Erick Piper of Bridgewater, Virginia Parker of Groton, and Mark Coulson of Hebron to serve on a pro-tem school board until March 2025 when voters will choose the school board members who take over to operate the school.

The new pro-tem board will be operating during the period when the district will have no students and is focused on creating the infrastructure to allow the new district to operate. This will include vendor contracts, budgeting and tuition agreements where needed. According to the group, most of their work will be technical in nature and they believe policy decisions should be deferred to the first elected school board...” (Tom Caldwell – Liberty Independent News)

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Please take notice: **Until June 30, 2025, Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton remain under the SAU #4 School Board. Educational decisions, school choice and other matters is not yet the responsibilities of the new School District until July 1, 2025.**

**With regard to the Bridgewater Hebron Village School and who can attend, we have not had any discussions relative to that matter with SAU #4. That matter is defined by the lease agreement between BHVD and SAU #4. NO CHANGE**

If you have friends or relatives in other towns (Bristol, Alexandria, etc.) and they are attempting to enroll students in BHVS and are being told that Bridgewater is not allowing anymore students to be enrolled, you should direct them to go back to SAU #4 and make their request again.

The towns of Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton are for school choice and are in favor of the preschool program remaining at BHVS.

Groton Board of Selectmen