



## MUNICIPAL FUNDING OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Regional School Unit-24 (RSU) Board (RSUB) must operate the RSU within the budget it has approved, which is based upon funding it receives from the Maine Department of Education (MDOE), local taxes and other sources in accordance with state law.

In operating the RSU within budget and in accordance with all Federal and State Laws, there may be times that the RSUB must make decisions that are in opposition to the desires and/or traditions of one or more communities that are member municipalities of the RSU.

The basics of this local funding option are specified in State Law. This Policy is designed to provide the guidance required to comply with the law under various “real life” scenarios that might arise in the future. As it is impossible to cover everything in a Policy in advance, if situations are encountered that are outside the areas covered by this Policy, the Superintendent will research and present his recommendation(s) to the RSUB.

Reference A (below), states: “Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, a municipality within a regional school unit may raise money and direct the spending of the funds to any school within the regional school unit.”

The only other reference to a municipality raising money above the amount levied by the RSU is in Reference B (below), which deals with the closing of a school, and is beyond the scope of this Policy.

Therefore, it appears that a municipality can direct which school within the RSU is to receive the funds and not the purpose for which those funds are to be applied within that school. If the RSUB decision is to NOT expend the local funds for the specific application intended, the funds will be returned to the municipality.

Ref: Title 20-A:

A. - Chapter 103-A, Subchapter 4, §1481-A.

B. - Chapter 103-A, Subchapter 6: §1512.

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