



## Millinocket School Department

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Dear Granite Street School Parents,

As you may be aware, the Granite Street School bridge will be closed for repairs for approximately 8 weeks beginning on August 19, 2019.

The Millinocket school administrators met with the Department of Transportation, Town representatives, and the construction company to raise our concerns and to organize a plan for the project, which will provide for safe and efficient operation of the school and to minimize the effect of the project on our school department.

I have discovered/agreed to the following:

1. The bridge will be closed beginning August 19.
2. The construction crew will create a walking path for students from 6:45 to 8:00 each morning and from 2:00 to 3:00 each afternoon.
3. During the walking times the major deconstruction will be reduced to limit the amount of dust raised when the students cross the bridge.
4. The bridge may be open at other times but the deconstruction will be taking place.
5. The construction vehicles will be well aware of the school hours and will be keeping the roads clear for our buses and other vehicles.
6. During the process there may come a time when the bridge is closed entirely. If this occurs we will give due notice and create a plan for the transportation of the students.
7. I have been working with Bragdon Bus Service to account for the bridge closure. It is clear that vehicles will not be allowed to cross the bridge at any time during construction.
8. I will be getting the construction notes directly from the Maine DOT and will be attending the bi-weekly meetings during the construction process.
9. The DOT does background checks on all of their employees.
10. The DOT, construction company, Town crew, and I have created contact links to ensure up dates of information as the project progresses

Please be aware that DOT, the construction company, the Town crew, and the school department are all working hard to keep this project on schedule and as safe as possible for our school and especially our students. We are working hard to ensure that this project has minimal effect on the school and to maintain safety.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at my office and I will respond as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Francis N. Boynton  
Superintendent