

# ***SUMMARY OF MARLOW SCHOOL REPORT 2007 - 2008***

## ***OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE MARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT***

<b>Joseph Scharf, Chair</b>	Term Expires 2008
<b>Arthur E. Andreasen</b>	Term Expires 2006
<b>Denise E. Bennett</b>	Term Expires 2007
<b>Kenneth R. Dassau</b>	Term Expires 2008
<b>Stephanie Tickner</b>	Term Expires 2007

## ***N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION***

<b>Wayne E. Woolridge</b>	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
<b>William B. Gurney</b>	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
<b>James H. Vezina</b>	Business Administrator
<b>Timothy L. Ruehr</b>	Business Administrator - Towns
<b>Paul R. Cooper</b>	Director of Human Resources
<b>Catherine L. Reeves</b>	Director of Special Education
<b>Michael A. Duhaime</b>	Director of Technology

## ***STAFF***

Phyllis Peterson	Principal
Alice Scharf	Secretary
Sarah Antel	Grades 3-4
Richard Brewer	Grades 5-6
Leah Giles	Kindergarten
Gloria Hayden	Spanish
Susan Kennedy	Special Education
Jennifer Main	Physical Education
Victoria Moore	Music
Marie-Lise Reilly	Art
Amanda Silk	Guidance Counselor
Margaret Wyman	Grades 1-2
Shelley Earley	Occupational Therapist
Melanie Greenwood	Physical Therapist
Jane Kronheim	Vision Specialist
Lois Sellers	Speech/Language
Sandy Swinburne	Psychologist
Denise Sargent	Academic Evaluator

Tammy Coutts	Title II
Dawn Elliott	Inclusion Aide
Sharlene Logan	Inclusion Aide
Kathy Peets	Inclusion Aide
Janet Walters	Student Aide
Noreene Davis	Nurse
Beth LaFreniere	Food Service
John Richards	Custodian/Maintenance

## ***OFFICERS***

Joseph N. Feuer	Moderator
Mary Avery	Clerk
Patricia Lucas Rogan	Treasurer
Plodzic & Sanderson	Auditor

## ***COMPLIANCE STATEMENT***

This school district receives federal financial assistance. In order to continue receiving such federal financial assistance, this school district will not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age, or handicapping condition, under the provisions of Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Complaints regarding compliance with Title IX regulations should be submitted in writing to the Title IX liaison for School Administrative Unit 29, the Director of Human Resources, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to the Director of Special Education, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

***Wayne E. Woolridge***

***Assistant Superintendent of Schools***

## *The March 13, 2007 Election Results:*

School Board (2) – 3 Years:	Stephanie Tickner Nancy Tomasko
Moderator - 1 Year:	Joseph N. Feuer
Clerk - 1 Year:	Mary Avery
Treasurer - 1 Year:	Patricia Lucas Rogan

### ***STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT***

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Marlow qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the John D. Perkins, Sr. School in Marlow on the 15th day of March, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto. **Passed Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto. **Passed Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the School Board to transfer up to \$25,000 of its unencumbered funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2007; the sum of \$25,000 to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by voters at the March, 2002 District Meeting for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of the school buildings and grounds and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Marlow School Board supports favorable action on this warrant article.)* **Passed Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the School Board to transfer up to \$25,000 of its unencumbered funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2007, the sum of \$25,000 to be deposited in the Tuition Trust Fund established by the voters at the 1993 District Meeting for the purpose of paying future year regular/special education tuition, or to take any other action in relation thereto. If there is an insufficient undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2007 to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 3 (Capital Reserve Fund), Article 3 will be funded first, with any additional surplus to be applied to this warrant article. *(The Marlow School Board supports favorable action on this warrant article.)* **Passed Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the District will vote to discontinue the expendable trust fund known as the Playground Equipment Fund created in 1998. There is no evidence that an appropriation was ever made to the trust fund. *(Majority vote required.)* **Passed Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$35,000 to be used for reconstruction/renovation of the John D. Perkins School, including interior and exterior renovations of the entranceway and bathrooms and authorize the withdrawal of up to \$35,000 from the Capital

Reserve Fund established by voters at the March, 2002 District Meeting for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of the school buildings and grounds and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (*The Marlow School Board supports favorable action on this warrant article.*) **Passed Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 7:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:52PM

# MARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2007 - 2008 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

	2005-2006 ACTUAL	2006-2007 BUDGET	2007-2008 PROPOSED	2006-07 TO 2007-08) \$ Change % Change	
<b>REG INSTRUCTION (1100)</b>					
Salaries	\$191,542	\$184,143	\$179,809	(\$4,334)	-2.35%
Benefits	\$67,137	\$75,891	\$71,763	(\$4,128)	-5.44%
Professional Services	\$6,803	\$8,694	\$2,000	(\$6,694)	-77.00%
Mileage	\$0	\$1,200	\$500	(\$700)	-58.33%
Materials(Supplies)	\$4,447	\$6,325	\$6,595	\$270	4.27%
Books & Periodicals	\$4,227	\$5,830	\$8,888	\$3,058	52.45%
Software	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
New Equipment	\$3,997	\$1,270	\$5,350	\$4,080	321.26%
Replacement Furniture	\$420	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
KMS & KHS Tuitions	\$385,885	\$393,200	\$544,400	\$151,200	38.45%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$664,458</b>	<b>\$678,553</b>	<b>\$821,305</b>	<b>\$142,752</b>	<b>21.04%</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION (1200)</b>					
Salaries	\$78,470	\$79,601	\$94,844	\$15,243	19.15%
Benefits	\$22,941	\$25,979	\$23,472	(\$2,507)	-9.65%
Professional Services	\$400	\$1,000	\$500	(\$500)	-50.00%
Materials(Supplies)	\$549	\$600	\$700	\$100	16.67%
Books & Periodicals	\$429	\$400	\$300	(\$100)	-25.00%
Equip/Furniture	\$654	\$200	\$200	\$0	0.00%
Tuition Preschool	\$7,785	\$3,500	\$1,750	(\$1,750)	-50.00%
KMS & KHS Tuitions	\$141,014	\$192,913	\$179,170	(\$13,743)	-7.12%
Tuitions Out-of-Dist.	\$176,628	\$143,215	\$60,840	(\$82,375)	-57.52%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$428,869</b>	<b>\$447,408</b>	<b>\$361,776</b>	<b>(\$85,632)</b>	<b>-19.14%</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE SERVICES (2110)</b>					
Salaries	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>GUIDANCE SERVICES (2120)</b>					
Salaries - Shared Position	\$13,081	\$13,918	\$10,000	(\$3,918)	-28.15%
Testing- NWEA	\$0	\$0	\$875	\$875	NA
Guidance Materials/ Mileage	\$100	\$300	\$350	\$50	16.67%
Eval & Placement	\$300	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$13,481</b>	<b>\$19,018</b>	<b>\$16,025</b>	<b>(\$2,993)</b>	<b>-15.74%</b>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES (2130)</b>					
Salaries	\$3,145	\$5,025	\$5,370	\$345	6.87%
Benefits	\$254	\$422	\$431	\$9	2.13%

**2007 - 2008 PROPOSED BUDGETEXPENSE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED**

	<b>2005-2006 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2006-2007 BUDGET</b>	<b>2007-2008 PROPOSED</b>	<b>2006-07 TO 2007-08) \$ Change % Change</b>	
Health Supplies	\$301	\$350	\$350	\$0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,700</b>	<b>\$5,797</b>	<b>\$6,151</b>	<b>\$354</b>	<b>6.11%</b>
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (2140)</b>					
Counseling/Psych Services	\$8,009	\$7,500	\$8,500	\$1,000	13.33%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$8,009</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>13.33%</b>
<b>SPEECH SERVICES (2150)</b>					
Speech Services	\$25,964	\$25,000	\$26,500	\$1,500	6.00%
Supplies	\$180	\$200	\$280	\$80	40.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$26,144</b>	<b>\$25,200</b>	<b>\$26,780</b>	<b>\$1,580</b>	<b>6.27%</b>
<b>STUDENT SERVICES (2160)</b>					
Physical Therapy	\$498	\$1,000	\$0	(\$1,000)	-100.00%
Occupational Therapy	\$3,675	\$3,125	\$6,750	\$3,625	116.00%
Supplies	\$0	\$200	\$150	(\$50)	-25.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,173</b>	<b>\$4,325</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>\$2,575</b>	<b>59.54%</b>
<b>CURRICULUM &amp; STAFF DEVELOPMENT (2210)</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$569	\$569	NA
Course Reimbursement	\$0	\$800	\$800	\$0	0.00%
Management Development	\$0	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0	0.00%
Staff Dev.(Workshops)	\$2,099	\$3,600	\$4,250	\$650	18.06%
Mileage	\$122	\$300	\$300	\$0	0.00%
New Curriculum Materials	\$76	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,297</b>	<b>\$5,800</b>	<b>\$7,019</b>	<b>\$1,219</b>	<b>21.02%</b>
<b>MEDIA SERVICES (2220)</b>					
Media Generalist Salary	\$0	\$0	\$7,849	\$7,849	NA
Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$629	\$629	NA
Repairs to Equipment	\$312	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
Library Books	\$4,061	\$4,961	\$1,186	(\$3,775)	-76.09%
Library Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Media Membership	\$342	\$342	\$294	(\$48)	-14.04%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,715</b>	<b>\$6,303</b>	<b>\$10,958</b>	<b>\$4,655</b>	<b>73.85%</b>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD/SAU (2310/2320)</b>					
Salaries	\$3,960	\$5,025	\$5,025	\$0	0.00%
Benefits	\$304	\$350	\$350	\$0	0.00%
Legal & Audit	\$3,590	\$3,250	\$3,625	\$375	11.54%
Negotiations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
Board/Treasurer Expense	\$974	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
School Board Assoc.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
SAU #29	\$40,783	\$54,713	\$55,553	\$840	1.54%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$49,611</b>	<b>\$64,338</b>	<b>\$65,553</b>	<b>\$1,215</b>	<b>1.89%</b>
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION (2400)</b>					

**2007 - 2008 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED**

	<b>2005-2006 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2006-2007 BUDGET</b>	<b>2007-2008 PROPOSED</b>	<b>2006-07 TO 2007-08) \$ Change % Change</b>	
Salaries	\$35,333	\$57,618	\$80,488	\$22,870	39.69%
Benefits	\$11,781	\$12,533	\$26,115	\$13,582	108.37%
Purchased Admin Services	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	(\$3,000)	-100.00%
Copier	\$0	\$3,109	\$3,109	\$0	0.00%
Telephone	\$3,357	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.00%
Postage	\$242	\$400	\$400	\$0	0.00%
Staff Mileage	\$622	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
Office Supplies	\$1,288	\$1,250	\$1,350	\$100	8.00%
Admin. Software	\$70	\$460	\$546	\$86	18.70%
Equipment	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$52,694</b>	<b>\$84,370</b>	<b>\$118,008</b>	<b>\$33,638</b>	<b>39.87%</b>
<b>BUILDING SERVICES (2600)</b>					
Salaries	\$14,020	\$16,278	\$11,054	(55,224)	-32.09%
Benefits	\$8,084	\$9,290	\$2,045	(\$7,245)	-77.99%
Maintenance Services	\$9,337	\$11,150	\$15,150	\$4,000	35.87%
Bldg Projects/Improvements	\$55,806	\$14,800	\$0	(\$14,800)	-100.00%
P&L Insurance	\$3,370	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$0	0.00%
Custodial Supplies	\$2,747	\$2,500	\$2,800	\$300	12.00%
Electricity	\$4,484	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0	0.00%
Heat	\$6,835	\$10,500	\$11,750	\$1,250	11.90%
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$104,684</b>	<b>\$74,218</b>	<b>\$52,499</b>	<b>(\$21,719)</b>	<b>-29.26%</b>
<b>PUPIL TRANSPORTATION (2700)</b>					
Services	\$108,382	\$130,960	\$84,540	(\$46,420)	-35.45%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$108,382</b>	<b>\$130,960</b>	<b>\$84,540</b>	<b>(\$46,420)</b>	<b>-35.4-5%</b>
<b>STAFF SERVICES (2800)</b>					
Physicals/Criminal Checks	\$39	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Student Loan Reimbursement	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
Information Srvcs/Technolog	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	(\$30,000)	-100.00%
Scholarships	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$539</b>	<b>\$31,500</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>(\$30,000)</b>	<b>-95.24%</b>
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>					
<b>SUB-TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,471,756</b>	<b>\$1,585,340</b>	<b>\$1,587,564</b>	<b>\$2,224</b>	<b>0.14%</b>
<b>TRANSFER FUNDS</b>					
School Lunch	\$8,970	\$8,500	\$11,000	\$2,500	29.41%
Federal Programs	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	0.00%
Expendable Trust (tuition)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	(\$25,000)	0.00%
Capital Reserve (bldg)	\$14,351	\$25,000	\$0	(\$25,000)	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$48,320</b>	<b>\$93,500</b>	<b>\$46,000</b>	<b>(\$47,500)</b>	<b>-50.80%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,520,077</b>	<b>\$1,678,840</b>	<b>\$1,633,564</b>	<b>(\$45,276)</b>	<b>-2.70%</b>

**MARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2007-2008 PROPOSED BUDGET**

**Revenue Accounts**

<b>LOCAL</b>					
Local Property Tax	\$771,930	\$687,211	\$741,470	\$54,259	7.90%
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$65,915	\$125,000	\$59,085	89.64%
Reserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$80,000	\$0	(\$80,000)	-100.00%
Interest Income	\$10,088	\$2,500	\$8,000	\$5,500	220.00%
Food Services Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Transfer from Cap. Res.	\$46,823	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Tuition	\$10,496	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$1,000	10.00%
Other	\$1,734	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
<b>Sub-Total Local</b>	<b>\$841,071</b>	<b>\$846,626</b>	<b>\$886,470</b>	<b>\$39,844</b>	<b>4.71%</b>
<b>STATE</b>					
Catastrophic Aid	\$75,244	\$60,825	\$72,803	\$11,978	19.69%
Net Change in Cat Aid Borrowing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$25,287	\$3,000	\$10,000	\$7,000	233.33%
Shared Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Kindergarten Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Equity Aid Grant	\$564,762	\$561,920	\$477,632	(\$84,288)	-15.00%
State Property Tax	\$120,277	\$171,469	\$151,659	(\$19,810)	-11.55%
Other State	\$0	\$0	\$0		
<b>Sub-Total State</b>	<b>\$785,570</b>	<b>\$797,214</b>	<b>\$712,094</b>	<b>(\$85,120)</b>	<b>-10.68</b>
<b>FEDERAL/SPECIAL</b>					
Federal	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	0.00%
Special Ed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
Child Nutrition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
<b>Sub-Total Federal</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,626,641</b>	<b>\$1,678,840</b>	<b>\$1,633,564</b>	<b>(\$45,276)</b>	<b>-2.70%</b>
Total Budget Decrease					-2.70%
School Property Tax Percent Increase					4.01%
Projected Increase in Tax Rate					\$0.4969
Tax Increase on \$100,000 Home					\$50
	<b>2005-2006</b>	<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>Projected Increase</b>	
Total School Property Tax	\$892,207	\$858,680	\$893,129	\$34,44	
Total School Property Tax Rate	\$13.11	\$13.12	\$13.62	\$0.50	

**MARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED PER RSA 32.11-a**

DETAIL OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES  
AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

	<b>2005-06 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2006-07 BUDGET</b>	<b>2007-08 BUDGET</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
State Equity Aid for Special Ed.	\$102,625	\$102,625	\$257,260
DEA Entitlement Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
Medicaid Reim.	\$25,287	\$3,000	\$10,000
Catastrophic Aid	\$75,244	\$60,825	\$72,803
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$203,156</b>	<b>\$166,450</b>	<b>\$340,063</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Instruction	\$428,869	\$447,408	\$361,776
Services	\$38,626	\$41,825	\$46,980
Transportation	\$37,214	\$53,800	\$27,700
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$504,709</b>	<b>\$543,033</b>	<b>\$436,456</b>
<b>NET EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$301,553</b>	<b>\$376,583</b>	<b>\$96,393</b>

## ***ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT***

We are in the midst of a transition year at John D. Perkins School. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Phyllis J. Peterson as Principal in July and she quickly went to work on a number of projects to improve school facilities and complete the staffing of the school for the upcoming year. Mrs. Peterson served for many years as teacher and guidance counselor in the Winchendon, Massachusetts school system. We also welcomed Leah Giles to our faculty. Ms. Giles is currently serving as our Kindergarten/Reading teacher and came to us from a school district near Oakland, California.

Improvements continue with the installation of new technology equipment and the approval by the Board of a new phone system scheduled for installation in the near future. Plans are also underway for the library and outdoor athletic areas where Marlow Highway Agent, Tony Hill, has removed a number of unsafe playground structures and plans are underway to upgrade the basketball court.

School safety has been a major priority during for the Marlow faculty. Safety plans have been reviewed and town officials have worked closely with school administration to ensure that safety plans are adequate and alarm systems are functioning properly. Faculty members have been trained in CPR and First Aid this winter and a wellness policy has been approved by the Marlow School Board.

Marlow students continue to do well at Keene High School. The overall attendance rate for Marlow high school students was 94.4% for the 2005-2006 school year. Marlow tenth graders continue to show improvement in NHEIAP testing. In Reading and Mathematics, Marlow students scored very close to state averages and well within range of their KHS classmates.

Marlow students did well on SAT subtests scoring above the state and national average scores. A majority of Marlow seniors reported plans to attend post-secondary educational institutions last spring. These schools included Barron's Institute (automotive), Keene State College, NHCTC, UNH and Unity College.

Fourteen Marlow students participated in extra-curricula activities including baseball, ice hockey, bowling, track, softball, FCCLA, World Language Honor Society, Key Club and Chorus.

I am confident that John D. Perkins School students will continue to benefit from the steady improvements made on their behalf by the residents of Marlow. Community and parental involvement remains high and sets an outstanding example for other communities to emulate. The spirit of volunteerism is best exemplified by the dedication of the Marlow School Board to provide every child with the means to reach his/her full potential. The many hours of volunteer support serve Marlow children well as they pursue their educational journeys.

Please join us at the annual district meeting on March 15th at the school. This is your

opportunity to participate in the decision-making process that will shape the quality of education provided Marlow students in the years ahead.

*William B. Gurney*

*Assistant Superintendent*

## ***PRINCIPAL'S REPORT***

The John D. Perkins School has seen several changes during the last year. It is my pleasure to have joined Perkins School as principal. I am part-time, but will make accommodations to be available to meet with any residents that would like to meet with me. I am very interested in working with you to move forward in making our school a better place for the students and to work with the community to benefit everyone.

Changes over the last year include the addition of technology availability and improvements to the building. We currently have Internet availability in a few areas and will soon have it throughout the building. This addition allows the students to take tests like the Northwest Educational Assessment at the school instead of being bussed to Keene. It also allows teachers and students to do in-depth research to support the curriculum. A technology committee has worked closely with the Marlow School Board to bring new technology to our building. The physical changes to the building include a thorough cleaning of all areas. Several areas have been painted and doors replaced for students' safety. A study of the curriculum has been ongoing and will continue into next year.

My focus for next year will be in three areas: (1) a consistent curriculum from grade to grade in language arts and mathematics, (2) a school library for students to receive instruction for research and keyboarding skills while making library time available each school day, and, (3) continue our work on a school safety plan and to work with town officials on the community-wide safety plan.

I am impressed by community support for our school from parents, the Marlow School Board, residents and the administration of SAU 29. I would like to say thank you to all of you and hope that next year we will continue to work together.

***Respectfully Submitted,***  
***Mrs. Phyllis Peterson***

## ***CHAIRMAN'S REPORT***

In 1973 when the doors of the John D. Perkins School opened for the first time, the children of the first and second grade were greeted by an enthusiastic young teacher named Margaret "Peg" Gorges (later to become Peg Wyman). Some of the children knew this young teacher from her years of teaching at the little red school house (currently the selectman's office). This year, that enthusiastic, slightly older teacher, greeted her first and second grade students for the last time. She will retire at the end of this school year. She has taught our children and, in some cases, our children's children. I am truly amazed at what she accomplishes every year. We send her our children and she sends them back to us with a basic concept of mathematics and the ability to read. I cannot think of a more precious gift to bestow on anyone than the ability to read. I know I speak for the entire community in saying thank you Peg Wyman for all that you have given our children.

Ashley Plumb was the winner for this year's Marlow School Board Scholarship. Ashley is attending UNH and studying occupational therapy.

I would like to welcome the new members of our professional staff. They are Mrs. Phyllis Peterson, part-time Principal, Mrs. Leah Giles, Kindergarten teacher, Miss Sarah Antel, Third and Fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Gloria Hayden, Spanish teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Main, Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Mary-Lise Reilly, Art teacher, Ms. Amanda Silk, Counselor and Ms. Noreene Davis, Nurse. I also wish to thank Richard Brewer for his years of service to the district as teaching principal.

Over the summer we undertook a massive cleaning project at the school all the classrooms were emptied and cleaned, old outdated materials were discarded. We completed the work in the kitchen by having a new floor and ceiling installed and had a number of the classrooms painted. I wish to thank Alice Scharf for coordinating the effort and all those who helped. They are Bill Gurney, Michelle Munson, Phyllis Peterson, Nancy Tomasko, Marcia Levesque, Amber Chase, Brian Fay, Chris Koutras, John Richards, Sue Kennedy, Sara Antel, Leah Giles, Peg Wyman and Mary-Lise Reilly.

We are currently in the middle of a technological upgrade. We have brought in a T1 line to give the school high speed internet access and we are installing a new phone system.

We are proposing withdrawals from the capital reserve fund for additional projects around the school including bathroom renovations and adding rooms for storage and a library. These are interior renovations not additions to the building.

At this time I believe we are going to be proposing a budget that is down approximately 3%.

Over the summer Denise Bennett resigned from the board as her family has relocated. We wish her all the best and thank her for her service to the community. Her place on the board is currently being filled by Nancy Tomasko.

I closing, I would like to thank my fellow Board Members, Art Andreasen, Ken Dassau, Stephanie Tickner, Nancy Tomasko and the staff at SAU 29. Thank you all for your continued support.

*Sincerely,*  
*Joseph Scharf*