NEWS FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

The New Year started off with a bang! We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we had 3 large scale catastrophes on the first two days of returning to school after the New Year. Fortunately, the two at each of the high schools were resolved quickly. Central office, however, could take a while. We will do everything we can do to be of assistance to them for the duration.

The Board of Education has been very fortunate to work with the town to obtain funds for capital projects. We have completed several of the approved projects, Moses Y Beach boiler replacement, HVAC units for the Sheehan High School Library and Gym Locker Rooms and new ovens at Cook Hill, Highland, Parker Farms, Pond Hill and Rock Hill. The Lyman Hall Track Project is near completion with some final work to be done once we return to warm weather.

We are moving forward with bids for many new projects such as window replacement design, Stage Lighting replacement, and many others. With the town's approval we hope to accomplish many large scale projects that otherwise would have been difficult to fund.

Thanks to a very generous donation from Holiday Cinemas in Wallingford, the Moran Auditorium is in the process of getting cinema quality seating for its auditorium. Crews are working as we speak to remove the old seating to make way for the new. We are looking at a mid to late January install to complete the project.

We would also like to take a moment to encourage and applaud recycling efforts at the school level. Please remember that paper and wet recyclables must be kept separate from the dry paper products. Please use the labeled recycling bins for the proper disposal of recyclable items.