

Statement from the Middlesex Town School Board

In February 2017, the Board communicated its intention to hold a community forum to discuss the resignation of the school principal. This did not occur. Throughout the winter and spring of 2017, the Board received many questions about the principal's resignation as well as policies and procedures. We sought to find the best way to communicate with the public. It became clear that we could not answer the questions posed to us in part because of ethical and legal concerns and in part because as a group we could not agree on how best to characterize the situation at the school. We acknowledge that this lack of communication on our part has contributed to a rift in our school community.

This spring, we explored the idea of using trained mediators to facilitate a community event designed to bring healing to our school community. As a Board, we were unable to agree on the vision and parameters of such an event, and we received mixed messages about its potential usefulness. In light of these concerns, we have decided not to hold it.

It is our desire that everyone feels comfortable and welcome at Rumney. We hope to increase involvement and volunteering at the school and welcome your thoughts about what would enable us to meet this goal.

We look forward to working together with all Middlesex residents for the future of Rumney School and our community.

