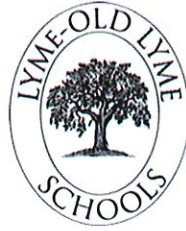


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Letter of Transmittal for the 2022-2023 Budget

Dear Members of the Lyme and Old Lyme Communities,

The Region 18 Board of Education approved a budget for the 2022-2023 school year at its February 2, 2022 meeting. This \$34,830,464 budget represents a 0.13% *decrease* from the adopted budget for the current year. In fact, when comparing this budget to our budget from four years ago (2019-2020), we are proposing to spend \$254,294 less than what we spent in 2019-2020. This represents a 0.7% *decrease* over four years. This budget is now transmitted to you, the voters, for your deliberation and action.

Employee contractual obligations are the main drivers for this budget based on our enrollment growth. These costs are offset by reductions in health insurance costs, special education, debt service and transportation. We have developed a budget that continues to maintain all of our award winning academic and extracurricular offerings which are commensurate, and oftentimes superior, to both public and private schools throughout Connecticut.

This budget supports our commitment to continued adherence to class size guidelines, continuance of existing academic and extracurricular activities, adjustments for anticipated changes in the special education population, adequate funding for maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds, scheduled replacement of technology and equipment, and program improvements that are consistent with high academic and operational standards.

The Board of Education encourages citizens to learn about the budget composition and participate in scheduled budget activities. Thus, you are invited to review the proposed budget, attend our public sessions and, of course, to vote on May 3.

Sincerely,

Steven Wilson
Board of Education Chair

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Superintendent of Schools

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Presentations

April 4	6:30 p.m.	Center School	Budget Hearing*
May 2	6:30 p.m.	Center School	Budget Meeting*
May 3	Anticipated Budget Referendum Date		

****LIVE STREAM OF MEETINGS:***

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF2_W7yYtFwx067Ici9776Q/live

While in person public comment is still acceptable, those wishing to make public comment virtually may use the following Zoom link: <https://region18.zoom.us/j/83527766795>; Meeting ID: 835 2776 6795; +16465588656,,83527766795# US (New York). Those choosing this option will be required to follow the same expectations for those making public comment in person. After being recognized by the chairperson, participants must state their name and place of residence before making their comments to the Board.

Copies of 2022-2023 Budget can be accessed on the District Website: www.region18.org OR by calling Jeanne Delaura at 860-434-7238.

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