



Stamford Public Schools
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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Stamford Public Schools is to provide an education that cultivates productive habits of mind, body and heart in every student.

DR. TAMU LUCERO

Superintendent of Schools

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Board of Education 2020-21 Budget February 13, 2020



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February 13, 2020

To: All Board of Education Budget Book Recipients

From: Hugh Murphy, Director of Finance

Re: 2020-21 Board of Education Operating Budget – Detail

Attached please find the detailed budget information for the 2020-21 Board of Education Operating Budget. The total amount is \$301,539,924; a 6.52% increase over the 2019-20 budget. Also note that some of the budget account numbers may have changed such as 321, 322, 326, 580 and 643 accounts.

Considerable effort was expended to develop a responsible budget that preserves programs, builds on strategic plan momentum and allows us to pursue our district goals and priorities. Large increases in the district's Health Insurance cost have moved the base budget to a starting point just over 3.1%. Other areas of large budgetary increases include Special Education, Building Maintenance and Transportation.

Please let me know if you need additional information or clarification.



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STAMFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 28, 2020

Mayor David Martin
City of Stamford
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06904-2152

Dear Mayor Martin:

Enclosed, please find the Board of Education's Operating Budget request of \$301,539,924 for the 2020-2021 school year. It represents an increase of 6.52% over the 2019-2020 budget. We also included a projected Board of Education Grants Budget for 2020-2021 in the amount of \$34,099,562.

The budget was developed through a thorough and systematic process:

1. Education Mission, Vision and District Strategic Plan were used to guide program and budget priorities.
2. Budget guidance was issued to Associate Superintendents with an emphasis on managing staffing levels, special education, program and budget sustainability, and resource reallocation before resource addition.
3. Budget was reviewed by the Superintendent's cabinet, members of the school community including staff and parents, Board of Education Fiscal Committee, Board of Education and the public at large.

The budget increase of 6.52% can be explained by several factors

- Health Care
- Facilities
- Special Education
- Transportation

In order to mitigate these factors, the district:

- Proposed Reduction/Reallocations of Staff in the amount of \$1,804,000
- Anticipated Grant Funds estimated to be \$1,147,898

Due to extreme increases in enrollment, SPED, HealthCare, Transportation, and Facilities costs, the BOE proposed budget request is greater than in the recent past, looming at approximately 6.52%. However, we are committed to presenting a budget that truly represents what we believe to be the cost of operating our district, in order to provide an education that cultivates the productive habits of mind, body and heart in every Stamford Public Schools student.

Thank you in advance for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Very truly yours,

Andy George
President
Stamford Board of Education

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