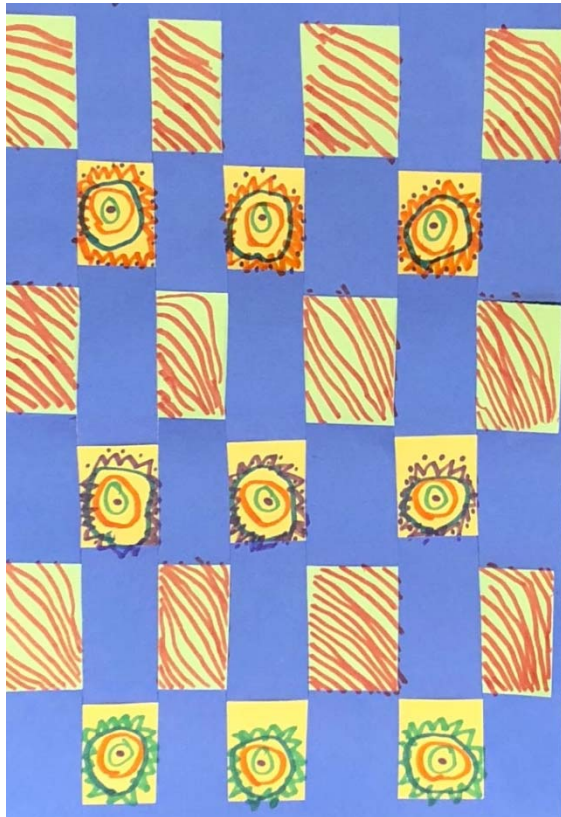




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Aarav Shah, Grade 1  
Westover Elementary School

## 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.

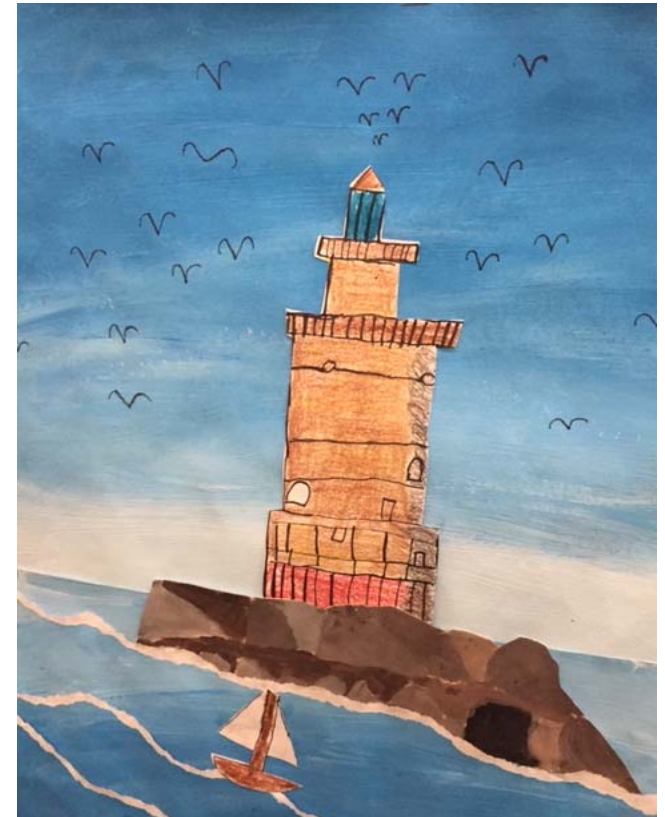
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Muskoon Jakhar, Grade 4  
Toquam Magnet Elementary School

***Superintendent's 2019-20 Operating Budget Recommendation***  
***January 31, 2019***



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January 31, 2019

Mr. Andy George, President  
Stamford Board of Education

Re: Superintendent's 2019-20 Budget Recommendation- Revised

Dear Mr. George:

Attached for your consideration is the proposed 2019-20 Operating Budget in the amount of \$286,515,993 (5.03%) and Grants Budget in the amount of \$30,410,409.

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. Several large increases in the base budget have moved our starting point to just under 4.1%. They include Health Insurance, Transportation, Building Maintenance and contractual Salaries and Wages. The anticipated increase in the Health Insurance account alone due to increases in the State Partnership plan will add more than \$2.5m back to our budget but the overall cost remains \$5m below 2016-17 levels.

Program increases are targeted toward our strategic priorities and areas pointed out by the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) at its recent meeting. Other areas of large increases include Special Education and upgrades to the curriculum and instruction department.

I look forward to your review of this budget. I believe it will support our mission and build on the progress we have made on our educational initiatives. Please know that district staff are always available to provide additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

Earl Kim  
Superintendent of Schools