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***Superintendent's 2017-18 Operating Budget Recommendation
January 12, 2017***



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Earl Kim, Superintendent of Schools

January 17, 2017

Mr. Geoff Alswanger, President
Stamford Board of Education

Re: Superintendent's 2017-18 Budget Recommendation

Dear Mr. Alswanger:

Attached for your consideration are the proposed 2017-18 Operating Budget in the amount of \$273,363,994 (3.58%) and Grants Budget in the amount of \$29,136,164.

Considerable effort was expended to develop a fiscally prudent budget that preserves programs and allows us to pursue our district goals and priorities. Four areas accounted for 96% of this year's 3.58% increase, and three of four are largely driven by contractual agreements:

- General salary escalation (1.34%)
- Special Education (1.17%)
- City revision to method of funding OPEB (0.51%)
- Transportation and Other Services (0.41%)

The overall total of 3.58% is based on contracts, educational program necessities and carefully planned position reductions and budget efficiencies. The budget is driven by the Board of Education and District Goals and incorporates suggestions from the Board of Education, teachers, administrators, and the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC).

In consideration of the current fiscal climate many areas of the budget were pared down.

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