



**Stamford Public Schools**  
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**James A. Connelly**  
Interim Superintendent of Schools

**Mission Statement:**

The Stamford Public Schools prepares each and every student for higher education and success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



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Stark School, Grade 2*



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***Board of Education Approved Operating Budget  
February 17, 2016***

## **STAMFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**



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March 1, 2016

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Dear Mayor Martin:

Enclosed, please find the Board of Education's Operating Budget request of \$267,153,563; for the 2016-17 school year, an increase of 4.72% over the 2015-16 amount and the Board of Education Grant Budget for 2016-17 in the amount of \$28,523,091.

The budget was developed by the Interim Superintendent of Schools and Central Staff using a systematic, thorough process beginning in October 2015 designed to advance key district instructional goals while remaining fiscally prudent. The budget also incorporates feedback from the Board of Education, Superintendent's Cabinet, and the "Citizens Budget Advisory Committee" (CBAC) which consisted of teachers, administrators, parents, elected officials, and Stamford citizens. The Superintendent's budget was submitted to the Board of Education on January 19, 2016, reviewed by the Board of Education's Fiscal Committee during several meetings in January and February, and was made available for public comment at a hearing on February 9, 2016. The Board of Education approved the attached budget on February 17, 2016.

Changes to the 2016-17 operating budget reflects the major drivers:

- A predicted enrollment increase of 205 students mostly at the elementary level
- Contractual increases on existing contracts and savings
- Funding to cover staff and operating expenses for the new elementary school at 200 Strawberry Hill Avenue
- Funding to keep pace with Special Education needs per IEP requirements
- Funding to compensate for reductions in grants

To get to the final budget number, 30% of the budget lines have been reduced or level funded. In light of current economic conditions, many items of considerable merit were not included in the 2016-17 budget.

This budget represents a superior plan to advance student performance in a fiscally responsible fashion. Please contact me or Mr. James A. Connelly, Interim Superintendent of Schools if you have any questions on the Board of Education budget.

Very truly yours,

Geoff Alswanger  
President  
Stamford Board of Education