



FOCUS ON EDUCATION

SPRING 2023

Message from the Superintendent & Chair

Dear Members of the Lyme-Old Lyme Communities,

The Region 18 Board of Education approved a budget for the 2023-24 school year at its March 15, 2023 meeting. This \$35,844,345 budget represents a 2.91% increase from the adopted budget for the current year.

While this year's budget is slightly larger than in years past, many of our neighboring shoreline towns are facing much larger increases. From a historical perspective, Lyme-Old Lyme schools have seen an average annual increase of 0.5% per year over the last four years.

Employee contractual obligations and debt service are the main drivers of this budget. These costs are offset by reductions in special education, plant operations and maintenance, 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.

As always, we thank the communities of Lyme and Old Lyme for their ongoing support.

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Superintendent of Schools

Steven Wilson
Chair, Board of Education



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Please join the Board of Education for the following presentations.

• **May 1,** District Budget Meeting, 6:30 PM

• **May 2,** Anticipated Budget Referendum,
Noon – 8:00 PM

Voting Locations:

Old Lyme Residents: *Lyme-Old Lyme
Middle School Gymnasium*

Lyme Residents: *Lyme Town Hall*

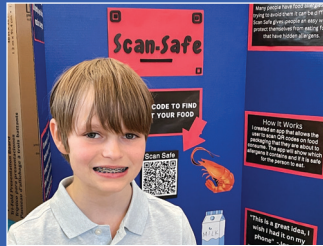
• **May 3,** Regular BOE Meeting, 6:30 PM

• **June 7,** Regular BOE Meeting, 6:30 PM

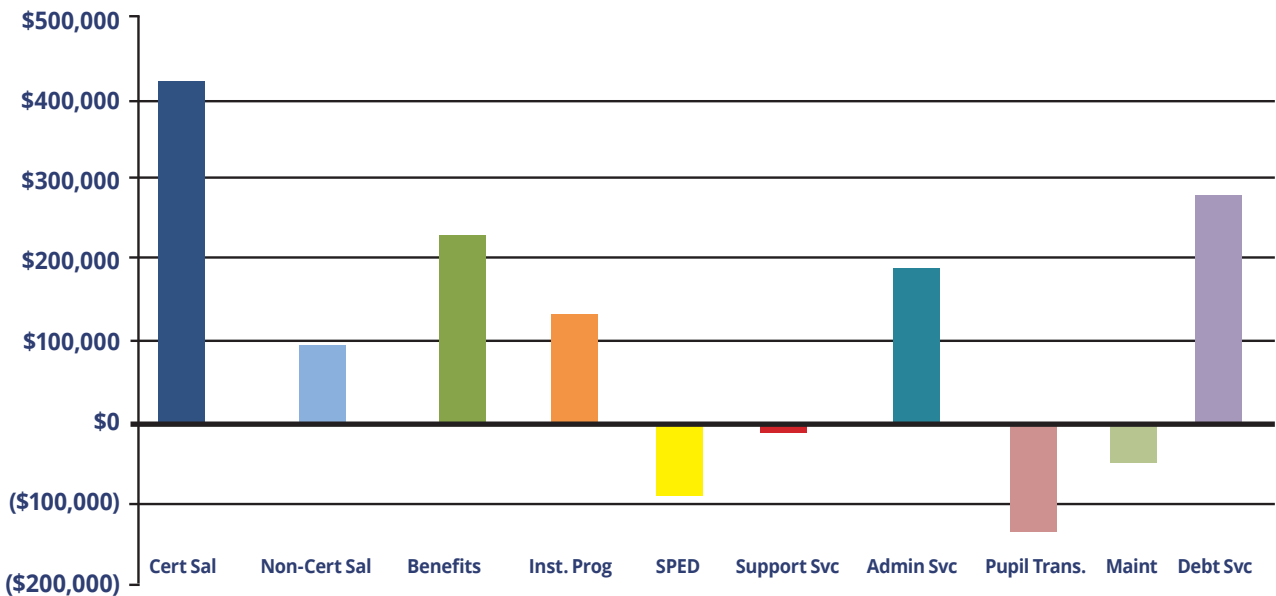
Meetings are held in the Board of Education Conference Room at Center School, 49 Lyme Street, Old Lyme. Agendas, links to live-streams of meetings, and links to recordings of previous meetings are available at www.region18.org under the "District Info" tab.

Budget Summary: \$35,844,435

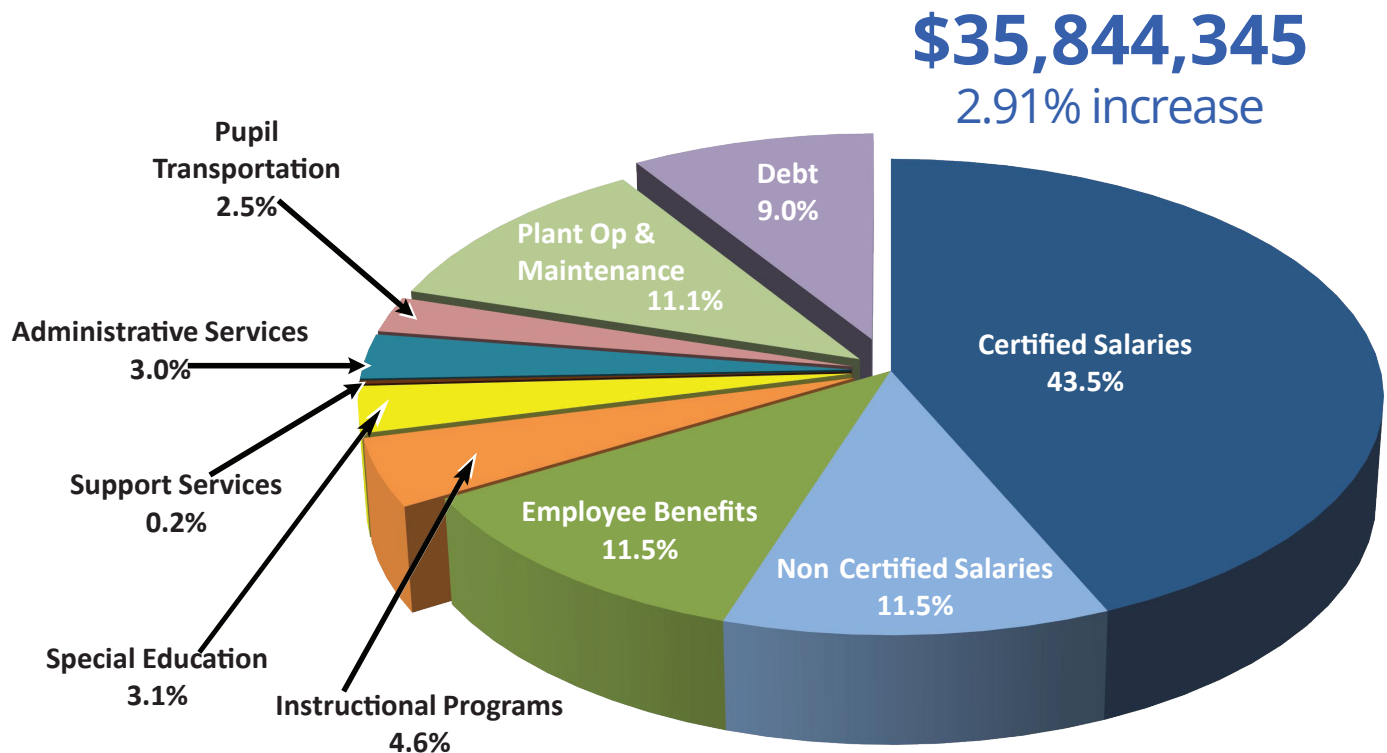
	21-22 Actuals	22-23 Budget	23-24 Budget	\$ Increase or Decrease	% Inc or Dec by Line Item
Certified Salaries	14,864,155	15,173,165	15,588,415	415,250	2.74%
Non-certified Salaries	3,788,426	4,028,842	4,108,877	80,035	1.99%
Employee Benefits	4,110,605	3,894,186	4,114,462	220,276	5.66%
Instructional Programs	1,309,153	1,530,976	1,647,801	116,825	7.63%
Special Education	936,359	1,206,983	1,124,665	(82,318)	(6.82)%
Support Services	71,584	81,861	80,232	(1,629)	(1.99)%
Administrative Services	964,742	905,689	1,092,238	186,549	20.60%
Pupil Transportation	716,346	1,002,825	878,441	(124,384)	(12.40)%
Plant Op & Maintenance	3,581,229	4,042,274	3,979,901	(62,373)	(1.54)%
OPERATING BUDGET	30,342,599	31,866,801	32,615,032	748,231	2.35%
Debt Service	3,045,763	2,963,663	3,229,313	265,650	8.96%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$33,388,362	\$34,830,464	\$35,844,345	\$1,013,881	2.91%



Budget Drivers *Increase/Decrease*



Proposed Budget



Historical Perspective

2019-2020	\$35,084,758	
2020-2021	\$34,711,631	-1.06
2021-2022	\$34,874,548	+0.47
2022-2023	\$34,830,464	-0.13
2023-2024	\$35,844,345	2.91
2019-2020	\$35,084,758	
2023-2024	\$35,844,345	
Total increase over 4 years:	+\$759,587	

That is an average annual increase over four years of \$189,897 or 0.5% per year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Copies of the budget book are available at www.region18.org, at the central office at Center School, 49 Lyme Street, Old Lyme or by calling (860) 434-7238.

2023-2024 Budget Notes

Facilities Improvements

- Upgrades to the auditorium sound system at the middle school
- Repairs to the water tank on the main campus
- Expanding irrigation at the high school
- Bleachers for the middle field on the main campus
- Resurfacing the basketball court at Lyme School



Lyme-Old Lyme Schools

49 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut 06371

2023
Lyme-
Old Lyme
High School
Graduation

Thursday
June 8
at 6:00 PM

Mamma Mia! and Frozen, Jr. Performances Play to Big Crowds

Musical theatre proved popular this winter as productions at Lyme-Old Lyme High School and Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School played to nearly sold-out audiences.

February saw three performances of Frozen, Jr. at Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School. Auditions were held in November with around 80 students involved in bringing the show to life by acting, building sets, playing music, assisting with lights and sound and many other tasks.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School put on four performances of Mamma Mia! in March. Fifty-four students participated on stage, off stage and in the pit orchestra. The colorful sets and familiar songs transported those in attendance to a Greek island.



"I am proud to offer the musical theater experience to our students, so they can experience the magic of one of the largest group projects they will ever complete in school," said Laura Ventres, music teacher at Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School. "Students get to challenge themselves on and off the stage with every rehearsal and performance, and hopefully have fun doing it! The final performances are always a bittersweet reward to the journey it took to get there."



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