

# FOCUS ON EDUCATION

Quarterly newsletter of Lyme-Old Lyme Schools  
*A private school experience in a public school setting*

SPRING 2024



## Board of Education Meetings

Please join the Board of Education for the following meetings:

**May 1** Regular BOE Meeting, 6:30 PM

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

**May 7** Budget Referendum. Noon – 8:00 PM

### Voting Locations

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

*Lyme Residents:* Lyme Town Hall

**June 5** 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](http://www.region18.org) under the "District Information" tab.

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## Message from the Superintendent & Chair

Dear Members of the Lyme-Old Lyme Communities,

The Region 18 Board of Education approved a budget for the 2024-2025 school year at its February 7, 2024 meeting. This \$36,920,881 budget represents a 3% increase from the adopted budget for the current year.

While this year's budget represents an increase, many of our neighboring shoreline communities are facing larger increases. From a historical perspective, Lyme-Old Lyme Schools have seen an average annual increase of \$367,224 or 1% per year over the last five years.

Costs associated with the PK-8 building project are the main drivers for this budget. These costs are offset by reductions in debt service, administrative services, and program and support services. 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 Old Lyme and Lyme communities for their ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Ian Neviasser  
*Superintendent of Schools*

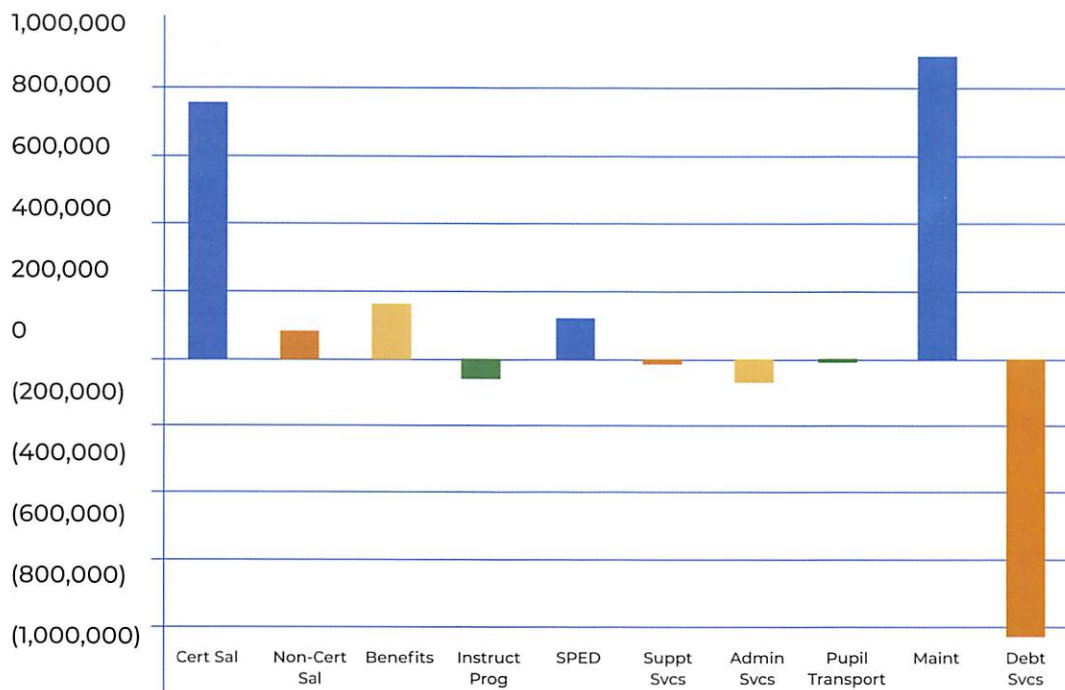
Jason Kemp  
*Chair, Board of Education*



## Overall Budget Summary

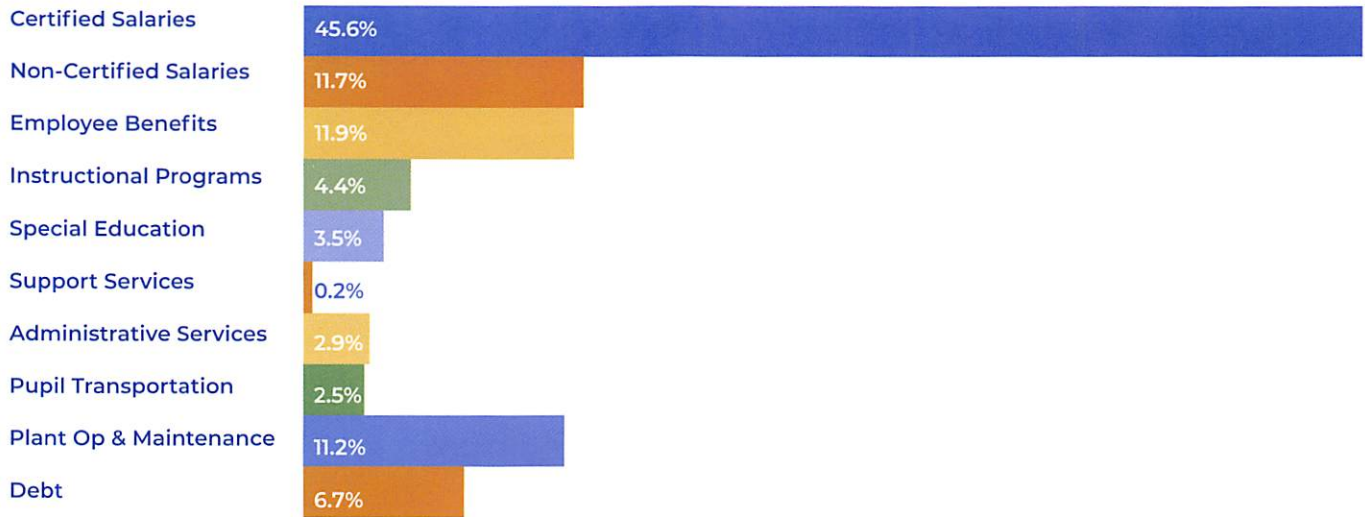
	22-23 Actuals	23-24 Budget	24-25 Budget	\$ Increase or (Decrease)	% Inc or (Dec) by Line Item
Certified Salaries	15,384,794	15,588,415	16,349,160	760,745	4.88%
Non-Certified Salaries	3,865,648	4,108,877	4,188,967	80,090	1.95%
Employee Benefits	3,854,810	4,114,462	4,274,244	159,782	3.88%
Instructional Programs	1,296,326	1,647,801	1,586,694	(61,107)	(3.71)%
Special Education	732,988	1,124,665	1,238,752	114,087	10.14%
Support Services	68,769	80,232	78,298	(1,934)	(2.41)%
Administrative Services	894,170	1,092,238	1,026,921	(65,317)	(5.98)%
Pupil Transportation	650,432	878,441	883,269	4,828	0.55%
Plant Op & Maintenance	4,067,515	3,979,901	4,883,574	903,673	22.71%
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>30,815,452</b>	<b>32,615,032</b>	<b>34,509,879</b>	<b>1,894,847</b>	<b>5.81%</b>
Debt Service	2,963,163	3,229,313	2,411,002	(818,311)	(25.34)%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$33,778,615</b>	<b>\$35,844,345</b>	<b>\$36,920,881</b>	<b>\$1,076,536</b>	<b>3.00%</b>

## Budget Drivers



## 2024-2025 Proposed Budget

**\$36,920,881 3.00% increase**



### 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
2024-2025	\$36,067,881	3.00
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2019-2020	\$35,084,758	
2024-2025	\$36,920,881	
	+\$1,836,123	

That is an average annual increase over five years of \$367,224 or 1% per year

### 2024-25 Budget Notes

#### Facilities Improvements

- Replace generator on the main campus
- Upgrade sound system at the LOLHS gymnasium
- Increase exterior lighting at LOLMS
- Replace carpeting in the LOLMS auditorium
- Refinish stage floor at LOLMS
- Paint exterior of Lyme School
- Repair rear entry ramp at Lyme School



### For more information:

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





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**2024**

**High School  
Graduation**

**Friday,  
June 7  
6:00 PM**

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Basketball team on winning the state championship for the first time in the program's history!



Congratulations to the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Mock Trial team for winning the state championship for the second year in a row!