

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT

200 Hartford Road, Salem, CT 06420

April 3, 2023

This communication is being sent to update all staff on the 2023-2024 Salem School District Budget process.

The Board of Finance (BOF) adopted a .58% increase in the Salem School District budget, as presented on March 9, 2023. The BOF then voted on March 23, 2023 to reduce the Salem School District budget by \$88,000, a decrease resulting in a - .02% Salem School District Budget.

At tonight's Board of Education meeting, the impact of the most recent BOF reduction will be discussed. We will be following up with updates from that discussion at this Wednesday's staff meeting. In the meantime, it is important to note that all Salem School Staff, employed this year, have positions budgeted for in next year's budget and administration does not foresee any impact to current employees of the Board of Education by the Board of Finance reduction. Further, maintaining and providing stability for current and future Salem School District employees is a priority that will be communicated to administration at this evening's Board of Education meeting.

Feedback - given the recent action by the BOF, we would like to hear from staff regarding priorities for next year's budget as well as future years' budgets. Please <u>click here</u> to complete a brief feedback form.

Family Communication - we also want to let all staff know that we are planning on sending out a budget update to all families before April break that is similar to this message.

As always, thank you for your support as the District continues to advocate for educationally sound and fiscally responsible resources for the students, families and staff of the Salem School District.

Sincerely, Brian Hendrickson, Superintendent & Kim Gadaree, Business Manager

Salem School District Budget Page - Friendly reminder, all budget related documents, presentations, etc. can be found by visiting the Salem School District Budget Page - <u>click here</u>.

Key Budget Dates:

- April 12, 2023 Public Hearing
- April 13, 2023 BOF finalizes budget for Town Meeting
- May 3, 2023 Town Meeting
- May 10, 2023 Referendum
- May 11, 2023 BOF discusses referendum results and sets mil rate