



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BRS is deeply engaged in learning, swapping books, enjoying our delicious Cafeteria menu, and trying to enjoy as many outside recess times as possible. In between all the great things happening, I wanted to share a few district updates with you. **Budget:** Last week the joint Boards of Selectmen and Finance listened to our presentation of the Board of Education's approved 2025-26 budget in the amount of \$18,691,855. This is a 6.1% increase over the current year's budget, and in addition to funding contractual and required expenditures, it maintains all current staffing and programming that we enjoy at BRS. As a reminder, without the additional Grade 1 teacher and four paraeducators added by the Board of Education in late August, the percent would rest at 4.52%. The [budget](#) is posted on our website for our public to explore. We appreciate the Board of Education's support of our efforts in preparing this budget that puts student learning at the center of our work. The next step in the budget process includes the joint boards hearing all town departments present their budget requests, followed by deliberations and possible adjustments that we will need to make to our budget.

Calendar: I also wanted to remind you that at the December Board of Education meeting the 2025-26 calendar was adopted. Much of the calendar follows our usual pattern of days off, early dismissals, and start and end dates. This calendar has a few significant differences than calendars of the past several years. The Board voted to add to the 2025-26 calendar the following holidays: Diwali, Lunar New Year, and Eid al Fitr. An additional change is that in February of 2026 the calendar reverts to just two days off for students to celebrate Presidents' Day. For your convenience, the [2025-26](#) calendar is posted on our district website at www.woodbridge.k12.ct.us

CSDE Update on Immigration Status: On January 28, Governor Ned Lamont and Education Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker shared the Connecticut State Department of Education's guidance document issued to every K-12 public school district in Connecticut in response to questions regarding pertaining to immigration enforcement activities and the impact that recent changes in policy guidance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security may have on school operations, student privacy, and the safeguarding of students while in school. While we do not expect any issues to arise in our Woodbridge community, for your reference, this document can be found [here](#). We have reviewed it as an Administrative Team, and we are clear on our procedures. It is important that our community understands that Connecticut and federal law protect a student's right to attend public school, regardless of their immigration status. As an Administrative Team, we are alert and aware of our protocols and are immersed in carrying on our critical business of teaching and learning in a safe and positive school climate.

Wishing you the very best that 2025 has to offer,

Vonda J. Tencza
Superintendent