LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Regional School District #18

A Private School Experience ***in a Public School Setting***

2026-2027 BUDGET PROCESS TIMELINE

All budget meetings are open to the public.
The majority of meetings will take place in the Board of Ed Conference Room at Center School

October	Preliminary data gathering and projections. Enrollment projections and staffing proposals are prepared. Committees and administrators work to identify needs and major drivers that will impact the budget.
November 5	**[6:00 pm] Special Board of Education Meeting with BOE, BOS, BOF, School Administrators and Parent Leadership** Review and discuss needs and drivers as prepared by administrators and committees.
November 5	**[7:00 pm] Regular Board of Education Meeting**
Nov – Dec	Administrators prepare budget according to parameters set forth by the Board of Education. Budgets are reviewed with the superintendent.
January 7	**[6:30 pm] Regular Board of Education**
January 14	**[6:30 pm] Special Board of Education Meeting** Workshop 1: Elementary, Middle, High School and Curriculum Budget Presentations.
January 21	**[6:30 pm] Special Board of Education Meeting** Workshop 2: Special Education, Facilities, Technology, Operations and Central Services Budget Presentations.
January 28	**[6:30 p.m.] Special Board of Education Meeting (meeting if needed)** Board reviews budget as it will be presented at budget forum.
February 4	**[6:30 pm] Budget Forum**
February 4	**[7:00 pm] Regular Board of Education Meeting** Budget adoption by Board of Education.
February	Communication Committee prepares budget edition of *Focus on Education.*
Feb - March	Central Office prepares budget books.
March-April	Presentation of budgets to Boards of Finance (both communities). Mailing of special edition of *Focus on Education.* Presentation of budget to community groups.
April 6	**[6:30 pm] District Budget Hearing**
April	Reminder Post Cards to Vote.
May 4	**[6:30 pm] District Budget Meeting**
May 5	Anticipated Date for Budget Referendum Vote.