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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Stamford Public Schools is to provide an education that cultivates productive habits of mind, body and heart in every student.

Board of Education 2026-27 Budget, February 2026

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Mayor Caroline Simmons
City of Stamford
888 Washington Boulevard
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Dear Mayor Simmons:

Attached is the proposed 2026-27 Board of Education Operating Budget request in the amount of $**372,075,133,** which represents a **7.22**% increase over the 2025-26 budget.

In developing the annual budget, our goal is always to ensure that students continue to have access to the programs, services, and supports necessary for a quality education, while also demonstrating that the District is operating as a responsible steward of the community's tax dollars.

However, significant cost increases in areas out of the district's direct control—including special education out-of-district services (+**28**%) and employee healthcare (+**16**%)—necessitated the requested increase of **7.22**%. If all Special Education costs and employee benefit costs could have been held to an inflationary increase (3%), the overall budget increase would have been less than 3.6%.

Stamford Public Schools is a vibrant and diverse school community, and we are proud to provide programs that offer access and opportunity for all learners, from our highest achievers to those who struggle academically. The FY27 budget will support more than 15,000 students and more than 2,300 teachers, administrators, and staff at 23 sites across Stamford. Every dollar committed to Stamford Public Schools supports our mission to provide an education that cultivates productive habits of mind, body, and heart in every student.

We want to thank you and the members of the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives, in advance, for thoughtfully considering the BOE budget request.

Sincerely,

Andy George

Andy George, President, Stamford Board of Education

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