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Regional School District #18

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Letter of Transmittal for the 2026-2027 Budget

Dear Members of the Lyme and Old Lyme Communities,

The Region 18 Board of Education approved a budget for the 2026-2027 school year at its February 4, 2026 meeting. This $41,477,955 budget represents a 4.61% increase from the adopted budget for the current year. This budget is now transmitted to you, the voters, for your deliberation and action.

The main drivers for this budget include increases in special education costs and negotiated salary increases for our certified staff members. 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.

The Board of Education encourages citizens to learn about the budget composition and participate in scheduled budget activities. Thus, you are invited to review the proposed budget, attend our public sessions and, of course, vote on May 5.

Sincerely,

Jason Kemp
Board of Education Chair

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Presentations:

April 6	**6:30 p.m.**	**Center School**	**Budget Hearing***
May 4	**6:30 p.m.**	**Center School**	**Budget Meeting***
May 5	**Anticipated Budget Referendum Date**		

***LIVE STREAM OF MEETING:**
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF2_W7yYtFwx067Ici9776Q/live

While in person public comment is still acceptable, those wishing to make public comment virtually may use the following Zoom link: https://region18.zoom.us/j/87635839590; Meeting ID: 876 3583 9590; +16465588656,,83527766795# US (New York). Those choosing this option will be required to follow the same expectations for those making public comment in person. After being recognized by the chairperson, participants must state their name and place of residence before making their comments to the Board.

Copies of the 2026-2027 Budget can be accessed on the District Website:
https://www.region18.org/district-information/2026-2027-budget-book
OR by calling Paige Rooney at 860-434-7238.

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