



EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the proposed district budget for the 2021-2022 school year. The budget was presented to the Board of Education on Monday, January 25, 2021. Since that initial presentation, the Board of Education has held additional deliberations and adjusted the overall proposed budget with the addition of staffing to support recommended district needs. At this current time, the proposed budget for 2021-2022 reflects a 4.05% increase over the current fiscal year.

Included in the budget proposal are a high school social worker, certified occupational therapy assistant (COTA), one middle school math coach, two elementary math coaches, six paraprofessionals, two additional grade K teachers and two additional grade 2 teachers (based on enrollment). For a more detailed look at the proposed budget and associated documents, go to the East Lyme Public Schools website at [2021-2022 Budget Presentation](#).

A Board of Education 'Public Budget Hearing' will take place on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 5:00 pm [via ZOOM](#). Input from parents, students, staff, and the community is welcome via written communication. I encourage everyone to become knowledgeable about the proposed budget and to express your opinions in writing to me via email at Jeffrey.newton@elpsk12.org by noon on Monday, February 22, 2021. Public correspondence received will be referenced during the public hearing. Directly following the public hearing, the Board of Education will hold its scheduled board meeting at 5:30 pm [via ZOOM](#) and one of the discussion/action items is to finalize and adopt next year's budget.

Following adoption of the 2021-2022 budget, we will update you with the dates for the town budget meetings and hearings that will take place in March and April leading up to a referendum in May on the overall town budget.

Thank you for your continuing support of our outstanding school district.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Newton
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