



## EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I want to provide recent important updates with our East Lyme Schools Community:

- The Board of Finance held their Public Hearing meeting Monday, April 26, 2021, and both the 2021-2022 Town and Board of Education budgets collectively have been moved on to the Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The adopted Board of Education budget now reflects a 2.63% increase over the current fiscal year. This 2021-2022 budget still includes the addition of the following staff initially proposed to support our ongoing commitment to students and staff:

**-High School Social Worker**

**-Two Grade Two Teachers**

**-Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA)**

**-Two Kindergarten Teachers**

**-Middle School Math Coach**

**-Two Elementary Math Coaches**

**-Six Paraprofessionals**

In addition to the staff listed above, we are discussing the possibility providing professional development and adding additional support staff to support student recovery effort; both academic and social/emotional intervention. These additional support services will be funded through COVID relief grant funds.

- Amy Drowne, our current Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment will be leaving our district on June 30, 2021. In her five years with us at East Lyme Public Schools, she has done outstanding work, and all will miss her. We have started the search process and plan to have a new Assistant Superintendent on board for July 1, 2021.
- At Monday's Board of Education meeting, the East Lyme High School Graduation date was set. An outdoor graduation ceremony will be occurring on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, with a rain date of Thursday, June 17, 2021. The last day of school for all students will be on Thursday, June 17, 2021.
- The first day of school for the 2021-2022 school year for all students is Monday, August 30, 2021. Please click on the [2021-2022 District Calendar](#) for other important dates or visit our district website.

*East Lyme Public Schools will inspire, engage and educate each student to become a contributing citizen and a responsible, independent, and critical thinker.*



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- East Lyme Public Schools is committed to equal access to our district website content, and two upcoming changes will contribute to this goal. We will add a translation feature that allows visitors to switch from English to a language of their choice. It will be located in the upper right corner of our district homepage. Another feature called *Page Assist* will provide an accessibility toolbar to make the website more usable and visually accessible to people with disabilities. It allows visitors to customize the site in a way that meets their unique requirements. It will be located in the lower right corner of the district homepage.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office by phone at 860-739-3966 ext. 5602.

Sincerely,

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