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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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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may be aware East Lyme Public Schools has engaged in the planning process to redistrict our three elementary schools to bring balance in numbers across the buildings.

Last year an Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee comprised of parents, staff, and Board of Education members began working on this process and identifying the challenges and associated budgetary implications, along with the impact on students and families. We will be using this information for the next steps in the process. This will entail working with an outside firm to engage in a detailed study of our three elementary schools, student population, town demographics, enrollment projections, and associated impacts of balancing the three buildings with an equal number of students. Milone and MacBroom, Inc. has prepared school redistricting plans with multiple districts across the state. They provide a comprehensive school planning process and experience, and will fully assist us in ensuring our decisions in moving students are done in a thorough and systematic manner based on research, data, and the work of the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee.

I want to assure parents that proactive efforts will be made to ensure a smooth transition for students and staff during this process. The decision to redistrict students is one that deserves serious attention and thoughtful consideration. Please know that we are committed to ensuring we are providing all our elementary students with a balanced and extraordinary primary school experience.

As we move forward with our contracted firm, Milone and MacBroom, we will be organizing community forums and opportunities to engage our parent community in preparation for redistricting. We will continue to keep you updated as we move through the coming months and begin to identify the specific timeline for when redistricting will occur as it relates to our school building projects and renovations.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to our Central Office.

Best Regards,

Jeffrey R. Newton
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