



## EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Last night the Board of Finance held their Town Budget Meeting via Zoom. As there will not be a Town Referendum this year due to COVID-19, this was the final meeting for the adoption of the 2020-2021 Town and Board of Education budgets. The recommendations that the Board of Finance agreed upon during their deliberations last week stand and there will be no additional changes to the revised and re-adopted Board of Education budget. The Board of Finance will now move to set an estimated mill rate increase of .17 for next year during their upcoming meeting on May 27, 2020.

As mentioned in previous correspondence, the Board of Education's reduction of \$826,903 for the 2020-2021 budget remains the same with no additional changes. The district's long-range technology plan that was proposed to support students with laptops and iPads remains in place as well. This is exciting news for our students as it will allow remote learning if needed during the 2020-2021 school year. We would like to thank the Board of Education and Camille Alberti, Board of Finance Chair, along with members of the Board of Finance for supporting our school district needs as we look ahead to the next year.

We will be prepared to welcome back our students at the start of the 2020-2021 school year after six months of being out of school. There will be challenges and an adjustment for our students and staff as they return to our school buildings at the end of August. Together we will make those adjustments and adhere to new restrictions that COVID-19 will bring us. We will make sure our students and families are fully supported as we engage in new learning opportunities and a new school year.

If you would like to view any of our budget documents, they remain posted on our website at [www.eastlymeschools.org](http://www.eastlymeschools.org).

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in Education.

Sincerely,

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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.*