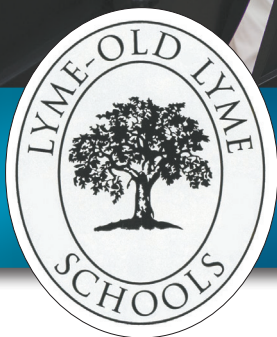




Spring 2021



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Dear Members of the Lyme-Old Lyme Communities,

On March 3, the Region #18 Board of Education approved a budget of \$34,966,548 for the 2021-2022 school year. The proposed budget represents a 0.73% increase over the prior year. Combined with last year's budget decrease of 1.06%, the overall change over two years is negative 0.34%. This represents a decrease of \$118,210 since 2019-2020. The Board of Education has strived to preserve and build upon the high standards of education in Lyme-Old Lyme while remaining fiscally responsible to our communities.

Included in the budget are two facilities projects including replacement of the tennis courts at Lyme School and a study for the upcoming refurbishment of the elementary schools and the middle school.

The proposed budget includes additional technology support, as the role of technology grows in education, monies for our curriculum renewal cycle for grades 3-8, as well as replacement of the high school sound field systems and network switches. As a result of community input and interest, we will also be adding wrestling as a new sport.

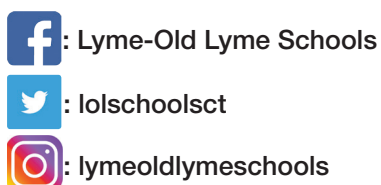
For the last several years we have seen our enrollment numbers exceed our projections. We anticipate continued enrollment growth at the elementary level and therefore have added additional staff to address this.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ian Neviasser
Superintendent of Schools

Diane Linderman
Chair, Board of Education



2021-22 BUDGET

Program IMPROVEMENTS

- Curricular Renewal Cycle – Grades 3-8, ELA
- Wrestling
- Additional Technology Support
- Switch Replacement / High School Sound Field Systems

Facilities PROJECTS

- Replace Lyme Tennis Courts
- Bonded Project Studies

For PARTICIPATION

April 5 – District Budget Hearing

6:30 p.m.

- Board of Education Conference Room at Center School

May 3 – District Budget Meeting

6:30 p.m.

- Board of Education Conference Room at Center School

May 4 (Anticipated) – Referendum

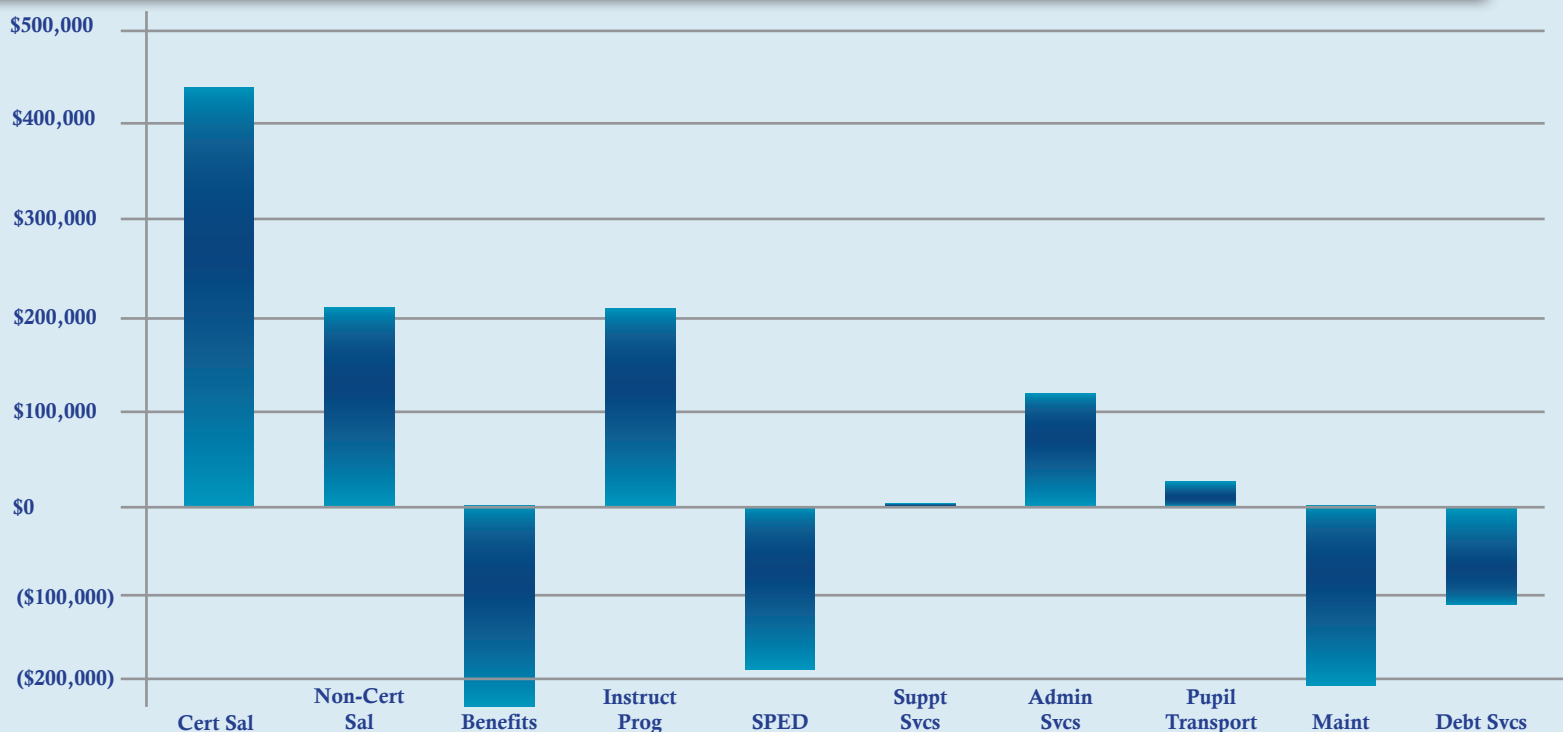
6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- Old Lyme Residents: Old Lyme Middle School Gymnasium
- Lyme Residents: Lyme Town Hall

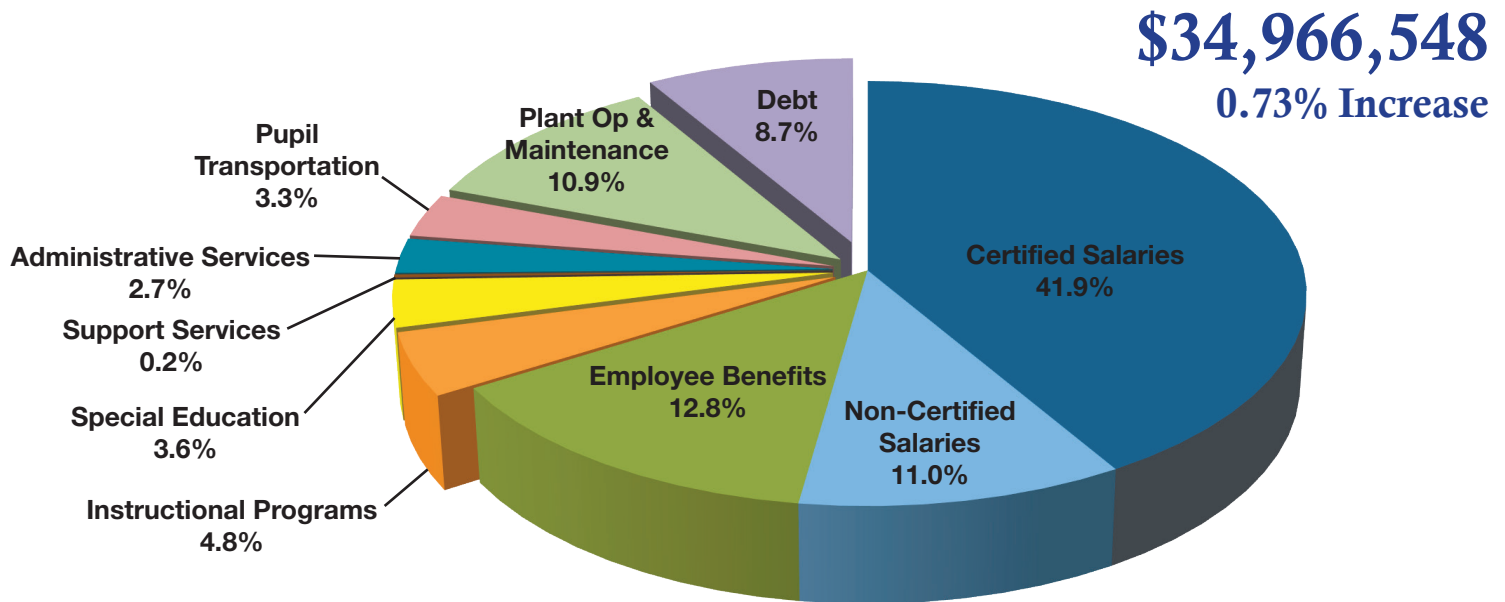
BUDGET Summary: \$34,966,548

	19-20 Actuals (COVID Impact)	20-21 Budget	21-22 Budget	\$ Increase or (Decrease)	% Increase or (Decrease) by Line Item
Certified Salaries	\$14,029,176	\$14,227,237	\$14,655,695	\$428,458	3.01%
Non-Certified Salaries	\$3,459,776	\$3,619,265	\$3,836,016	\$216,751	5.99%
Employee Benefits	\$4,367,585	\$4,737,682	\$4,489,107	(\$248,575)	(5.25)%
Instructional Programs	\$1,084,650	\$1,478,212	\$1,689,388	\$211,176	14.29%
Special Education	\$1,058,054	\$1,452,941	\$1,266,067	(\$186,874)	(12.86)%
Support Services	\$50,106	\$78,148	\$81,686	\$3,538	4.53%
Administrative Services	\$841,075	\$818,208	\$939,670	\$121,462	14.84%
Pupil Transportation	\$735,324	\$1,144,367	\$1,167,862	\$23,495	2.05%
Plant Op/Maintenance	\$4,172,495	\$4,002,850	\$3,794,794	(\$208,056)	(5.20)%
Operating Budget	\$29,798,241	\$31,558,910	\$31,920,285	\$361,375	1.15%
Debt Service	\$3,757,175	\$3,152,721	\$3,046,263	(\$106,458)	(3.38)%
Total Budget	\$33,555,416	\$34,711,631	\$34,966,548	\$254,917	0.73%

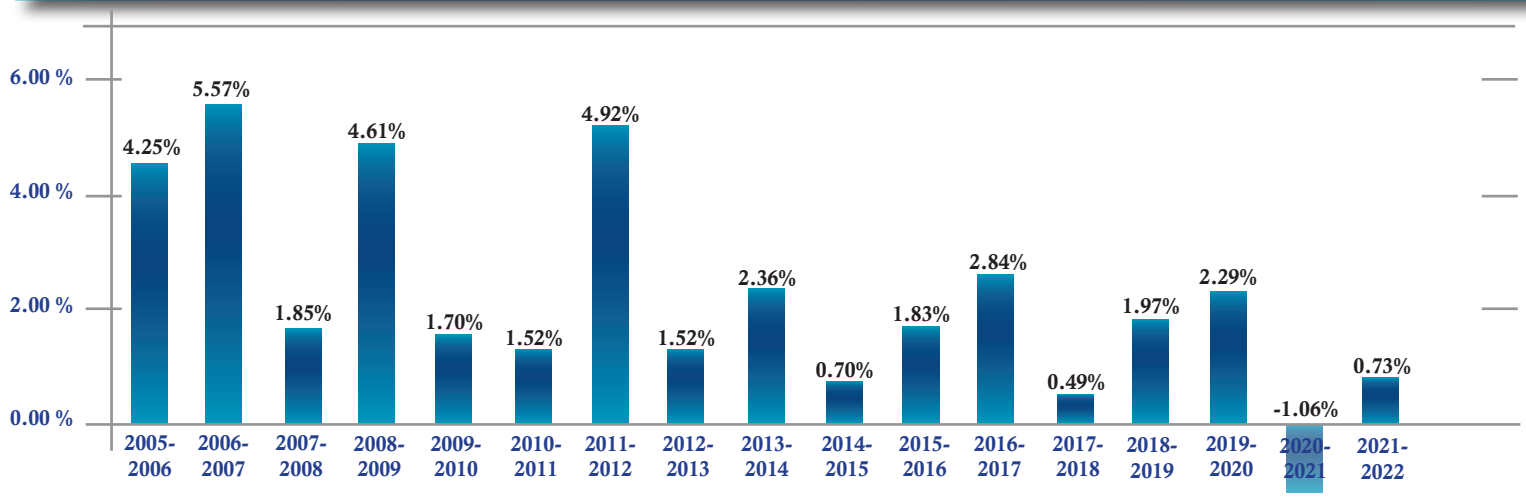
BUDGET Increase by Line Item



2021-2022 Proposed Budget



BUDGET Increase History



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Copies of the budget book will be available in April at Central Office, Center School, 49 Lyme St., Old Lyme or call (860) 434-7238. More information is available on our website at www.region18.org. Questions may be directed to the Superintendent's office.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- April 7
- May 5
- June 2

Meetings are held in the Board of Education Conference Room, Center School, 49 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT. Agendas, links to live streams of meetings, and links to recordings of previous meetings are available at www.region18.org

AROUND Region 18

School may look different this year, but what hasn't changed is the impressive array of achievements, awards and accolades consistently achieved by our students.

- Lyme–Old Lyme High School had an outstanding showing with four students recognized with prestigious CT Scholastic Art Achievement Awards
- Lyme–Old Lyme High School was one of 16 high schools recognized with the Michael's Achievement Cup Award for sportsmanship
- Lyme–Old Lyme High School Mock Trial team was recognized as one of the top five teams in the state
- Lyme–Old Lyme Middle School completed an impressive Black History Month Mural Project combining art and history to recognize important societal contributions
- Lyme School raised more than \$8,600 through the Kids Heart Challenge for the American Heart Association
- Mile Creek School collected more than 1,300 pairs of socks for Madonna Place



The gymnasium floor renovation at Lyme School is complete.

Interested in seeing a production of High School Musical?

Many of our usual spring performances will be available online this year, including this popular story being produced, performed, and filmed at the high school. For more information visit:
www.region18.org

Watch and follow Lyme–Old Lyme Athletics on YouTube.

www.youtube.com/LymeOldLymeAthletics

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