

# LYME-OLD LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## REGION #18

### Letter of Transmittal for the 2018-2019 Budget

Dear Members of the Lyme and Old Lyme Communities,

The Region 18 Board of Education approved a budget for the 2018-19 school year at its February 7 meeting. This \$34,298,528 budget represents a 1.97% increase over the adopted budget for the current year. This budget is now transmitted to you, the voters, for your deliberation and action.

The majority of this budget increase is being driven by the cost of employee health insurance. Unfortunately, our renewal rates for this year are expected to be between 15-18%. Accordingly, we have developed a budget that will allow for this increase yet continues to maintain all of our award winning academic and extracurricular offerings which are commensurate, and oftentimes superior, to both public and private schools throughout Connecticut.

This budget supports our commitment to continued adherence to class size guidelines, reduction of staff to account for an enrollment decline at the elementary level, continuance of existing academic and extracurricular activities, adjustments for anticipated changes in the special education population, adequate funding for maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds, scheduled replacement of technology and equipment, and program improvements that are consistent with high academic and operational standards.

The Board of Education encourages citizens to learn about the budget composition and participate in scheduled budget activities. Thus, you are invited to review the proposed budget, attend our public sessions and, of course, to vote on May 8.

Sincerely,

  
Michelle Roche, Board of Education Chair

  
Ian Neviasher, Superintendent of Schools

#### **Presentations**

<b>April 2</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Center School</b>	<b>Budget Hearing</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Center School</b>	<b>Budget Meeting</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Anticipated Budget Referendum Date</b>		

*Copies of 2018-2019 Budget can be accessed on the District Website: [www.region18.org](http://www.region18.org) OR by calling Jeanne Delaura at 860-434-7238.*

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