



Superintendent Monthly Report

General Updates: May, 10, 2022

Board of Education Budget Update

On Thursday, May 5 the Board of Finance voted to move forward the Approved Board of Education Budget as presented. The BOF also set the Town Budget and Capital Improvement Budget. The grand list on motor vehicles has increased as a result of used cars having an increased value this year. As a result, the mill rate will decrease. In our budget preparation we assumed a mill had a value of about \$300,000. A mill actually has a value of about \$440,000. Using \$778,204 from the Unassigned Fund Balance, the Town has proposed a lower mill rate set at 23.00. The following budgets will move forward to Town meeting on Thursday, May 19:

Town Budget: \$3,134,835
CIP Budget: \$487,490
Education Budget: \$11,986,276
Totaling: \$15,608,601

A copy of the Board's budget can be found on our website,
<https://www.canterburypublicschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/BOF-Presentation-and-Attached-Documents-FY-23.pdf>

Virtual Career Fair

The Director of Pupil Services and I participated in a Virtual Career Fair aimed at hiring more teachers of color in Connecticut. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) in partnership with the RESC Alliance created a Virtual Career Fair aimed at increasing the racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity of Connecticut's educator workforce. This online event connected candidates directly with districts from the comfort of their own home, office, smartphone, or tablet. Applicants were able to upload resumes and schedule chats with districts. Ms. Beckwith was able to schedule a few meetings with prospective candidates. While this year's event had limited participation we believe this could be an increasingly utilized venue to find prospective teachers.

Summer Enrichment Program

We are excited to offer another summer of enrichment and academic support for our students. This year's program will be offered for three weeks, beginning July 12. Students entering grades 3-8 can choose from several options including: reading, math, team games, mindfulness, HUGS, theater camp, adventure club, art adventures, and mural painting. Not all offerings are available for each grade. We are appreciative of the teachers and paraeducators working additional weeks this summer. Mr. Kolodziej is our program coordinator and is available to answer any parent questions, wkolodziej@canterburypublicschools.org.

End of Year Projects

Several district projects have started and many new resources have been ordered for next school year. We will be installing a new floor in the BMS music room along with a new air conditioning system. These resources are critical to mitigate any potential mold development in humid summer months.

We have purchased our new math books (K-8), a new phonics program (K-3), and new social studies resources for students in grades 5-8.

The CES computer lab will receive 25 new desktop computers this June and the BMS computer lab that was partially upgraded last summer will be completed this June.

These projects and new curriculum resources will be great for our students as we are hopefully to begin the new school year on a positive note.