



Stamford Public Schools

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**Brandon Zapata, Grade 5
Hart Elementary School**

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Stamford Public Schools is to provide an education that cultivates productive habits of mind, body and heart in every student.

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Superintendent of Schools

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**Sanai Malcolm, Grade 7
Scofield Middle School**

Board of Education 2022-23 Budget February, 2022



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Mayor Caroline Simmons
City of Stamford
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06904-2152

Dear Mayor Simmons:

Attached please find the proposed 2022-23 Board of Education Operating Budget in the amount of **\$308,193,542**, which represents a **4.98%** increase over the 2021-22 budget.

This growth is driven by increases in wages and healthcare costs, including new positions necessary to support our students and families. We have restored Kindergarten Paraeducators for every classroom, and have included \$1,500,000 for social-emotional support programs as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. We have added Special Education teachers and programs, as well as School Psychologists, Speech Pathologists, and Social Workers. We have also included two administrative positions in the Alternative Education program to help create pathways for career connected learning for all. Finally, we have included positions that will help us efficiently implement our Long-Term Facilities Plan.

We are committed to presenting a budget that equals what we believe to be the cost to provide an education that cultivates the productive habits of mind, body, and heart in every Stamford Public Schools student.

We want to thank you and the members of the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives, in advance, for thoughtfully considering the BOE budget request.

Sincerely,

Jackie Heftman

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President, Stamford Board of Education

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Superintendent of Schools