

*February 2022*

*From the Desk of the Superintendent*

While we are in the midst of the winter season and snowy days, it is remarkable to think that the first day of spring is just over a month away. The budget process, which begins in the fall, continues through the spring and concludes with the adoption of Colchester's Town and Education Budgets. As the budget process unfolds for the 2022-2023 school year, presentations and budget documents will be posted on the Colchester Public Schools website at [www.colchesterct.org](http://www.colchesterct.org). We encourage parents and community members to participate in the process. The public can provide input at our regular meetings, budget workshops, and through email at [budget@colchesterct.org](mailto:budget@colchesterct.org). The Board of Education tab on the CPS website has an abundance of information available and we encourage parents and community members to visit our website to learn more about the Colchester Board of Education and the education budget.

In the fall, the Board of Education endorsed the budget priorities for the 2022-2023 school year. The focus of Strengthen, Grow, and Sustain, continues to guide our budget process as we look to advance our vision for the District. Some of these priorities include: strengthening the district's intervention program, enhancing the district's capacity to address the social, emotional, and physical needs of our students, creating a funding plan for long-term facility improvement projects, and continued funding around the implementation of long-range and sustainable school safety and security plan.

The 2022-2023 Budget Year Key Meeting Dates are listed below. Please refer to the Colchester Public Schools website for the most updated information regarding BOE meeting format and location.

- [2022-2023 Budget Survey](#) (open 1/28/22-2/13/22)
- March 8, 2022 - Superintendent's Budget Presentation to the Board of Education
- March 15, 2022 - Board of Education Budget Workshop
- March 22, 2022 - Board of Education Budget Workshop
- March 29, 2022 - Board of Education Meeting
- April 5, 2022 - 1st Public Hearing: Board of Education and Town

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