

EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOL Budget Message

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."
—Benjamin Franklin

On Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at its regular meeting, the East Granby Board of Finance (BOF) directed the East Granby Board of Education to prepare and present a 3.5% budget (increase of \$605,300) at the Public Hearing scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

We appreciate and expend with great care the resources the town allocates to enable us to provide high quality instruction and experiences for the student population. We are extremely proud of the sustained excellence of the school system that is the pride of the Town of East Granby. Each year we endeavor to accelerate our momentum to institutionalize 21st century authentic educational experiences that will be attractive to aspiring learners and new residents. We continue to expand partnerships with the business community and higher education to ensure that our students graduate from the East Granby Public Schools with meaningful credentials earned while participating in our educational programs. In the East Granby Public Schools, educators work diligently to implement best practices to engage students in rigorous learning experiences while capitalizing on opportunities to realize efficiencies in our operations. Our continuing efforts include the following:

- Re-negotiating new contracts with vendors, taking advantage of collaborative opportunities for professional development, special education services, and cooperative purchasing;
- Pursuit of additional grant funding where eligible;
- Participation in regional arrangements with the Education Services Collaborative, Farmington Valley Diagnostic Center and Capital Region Education Council to take advantage of group purchasing for services and resources;
- Shared transportation for students participating in Vo-Ag and Vo-Technical programs;
- Shared Services Committee with the Town of East Granby;
- Partnerships with higher education to support the academic program and create educational experiences for students;
- Combined purchasing with the town and other districts.

East Granby Public Schools Accolades. Below are some recent accolades to highlight:

- 🏆 2020 Connecticut Scholars Award Semifinalist
- 🏆 Numerous AP Scholars
- 🏆 2020 National Center for Women in Information Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing
- 🏆 CT Music Educators Association All State Choir Members
- 🏆 EGHS Best High School Silver Badge, U.S. News & World Report for the last five years
- 🏆 State winner for the fire prevention poster contest
- 🏆 Seymour School of Distinction for 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019
- 🏆 DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)
 - Good Citizen Award recipient
 - first place in the 7th Grade category for the Abigail Phelps Chapter; National Invite

- first place in the 8th Grade category for the Abigail Phelps Chapter
- 🏆 2021 University of Connecticut Writing Contest Winners
 - Platinum Award and Published writer in the 2021 Connecticut Student Writers Magazine
 - Several Silver Award winners and Honorable Mentions
- 🏆 Invention Convention 2020 student invited to participate in the US Nationals
- 🏆 13 students finished in 3rd place in the Kids Lit Quiz 2020
- 🏆 Bradley Airport Art Exhibit

Giving Back to the Community. EGPS students live the value of good citizenship and have given back to the community in a variety of ways including:

- 🏠 Labors of Love - provide winter clothing for those in need
- 🏠 Food Drives to support the Friend to Friend Food Pantry
- 🏠 Storm/Hurricane Relief Fundraiser
- 🏠 PJ for A Cause- Benefiting CCMC
- 🏠 Hoops for Heart
- 🏠 Quest for a Cure to support Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- 🏠 Annual Ski-a-thon for Make-A-Wish Foundation
- 🏠 Gifts of Love
- 🏠 Annual Blood Drive for The Red Cross
- 🏠 Land Trust Interns
- 🏠 Annual Student Council Coat Drive and Sock Drive- Springfield Rescue Mission
- 🏠 Senior Citizen Luncheon
- 🏠 Toys for Tots
- 🏠 Pennies for Patients

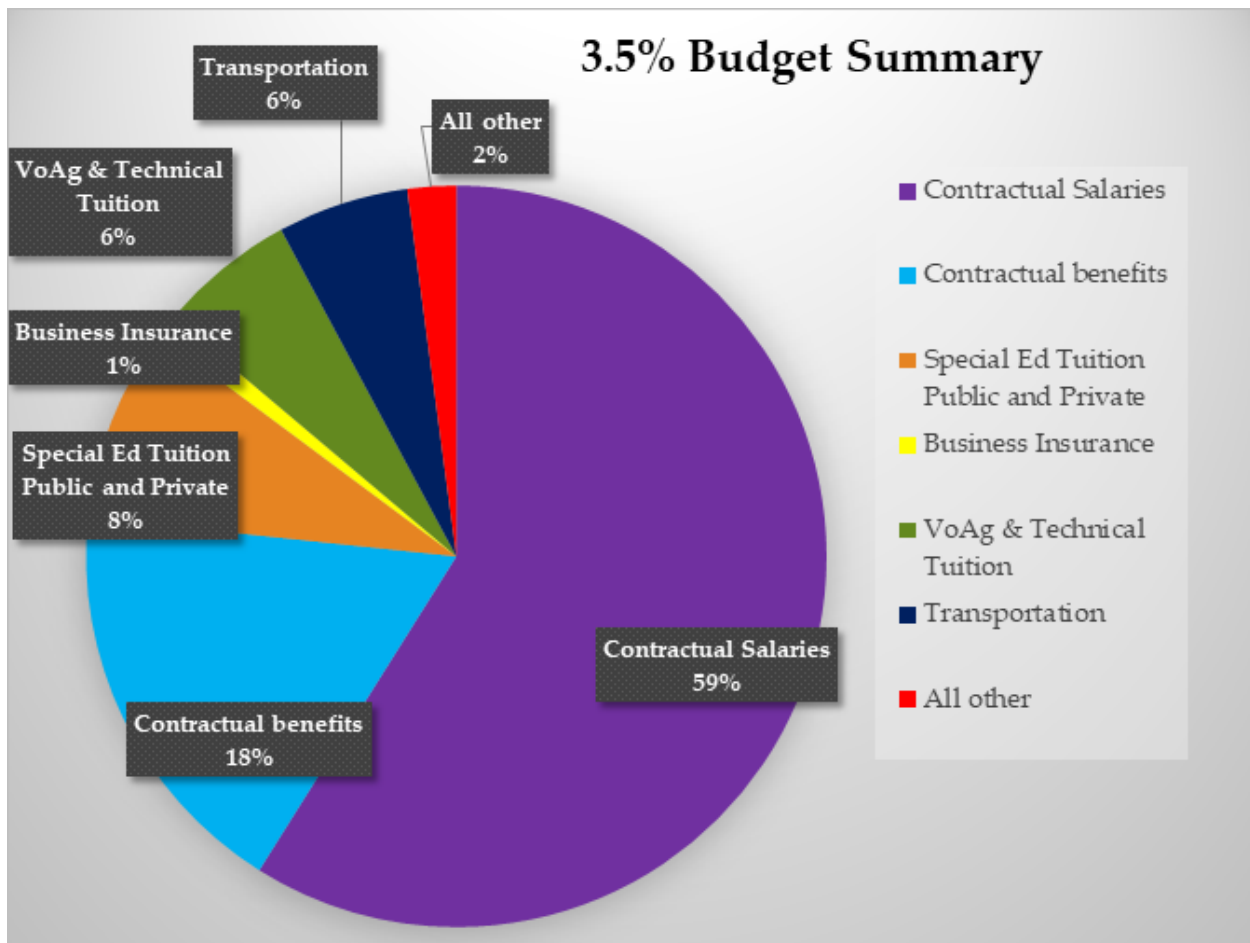
A 3.5 % budget diminishes several funding risks. The Board of Education will continue to keep a close eye on evolving special education and student needs, mid-year health benefit changes, unexpected building maintenance and repair, and the impact of COVID-19. We are thankful for the support of the community and the trust in our school district to make responsible financial decisions while providing an excellent education to our students.

We invite you to join the conversation to secure an appropriate level of funding so the East Granby Public Schools can continue to provide learning experiences of superior quality. The high performing East Granby Public Schools are the cornerstone of East Granby.

The Board of Education will present a Board of Finance directed budget of 3.5% for 2021-22 at the Public Hearing at 7:00PM on April 20th. Public Comments may be sent to 21-22budgetcomment@egtownhall.com. The Board of Selectmen will set the date and time for the referendum at the Town Meeting scheduled for April 27th at 7:00PM. The Board of Education has no opportunity to advocate for the budget after the referendum date is set. Therefore, it is imperative that you engage in the process well before that date. Official Board of Education budget documents are posted on the district website at www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us. Thank you for supporting our students and educational programs.

2021 – 2022 BUDGET DRIVERS

- ▶ Contractual salary increase for certified staff including stipends
- ▶ Contractual salary increase for non-certified staff
- ▶ Projected increase health care premiums
- ▶ Private Tuition increase related to Student Support Services
- ▶ Pupil Transportation contractual increase



2021-2022 Board of Finance Directed 3.5% Budget

3.50%	Description	2021 Budget	3.5% budget request	Inc (Dec) \$	% Change
111	CERTIFIED PERSONNEL	\$8,255,528.62	\$8,466,010.00	\$210,481.38	2.55%
112	NONCERTIFIED PERSONNEL	\$1,572,079.34	\$1,696,505.19	\$124,425.85	7.91%
121	CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
125	CONTRACTED SUBSTITUTES	\$35,095.23	\$40,000.00	\$4,904.77	13.98%
131	OTHER SALARIES	\$211,115.10	\$216,105.60	\$4,990.50	2.36%
210	GROUP HEALTH LIFE INSURANCE	\$2,610,108.00	\$2,710,108.00	\$100,000.00	3.83%
220	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$122,113.00	\$130,000.00	\$7,887.00	6.46%
221	MEDICARE	\$154,006.00	\$155,000.00	\$994.00	0.65%
230	EMPLOYER PENSION	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
250	UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS	\$27,900.00	\$27,900.00	\$0.00	0.00%
260	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$80,385.00	\$81,000.00	\$615.00	0.77%
320	PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT	\$83,000.00	\$80,000.00	(\$3,000.00)	-3.61%
322	ASSESSMENT SERVICES	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	0.00%
330	OTHER PROF & TECH SERVICES	\$470,000.00	\$445,416.00	(\$24,584.00)	-5.23%
340	DATA PROCESSING	\$31,109.00	\$31,109.00	\$0.00	0.00%
411	WATER / SEWAGE	\$29,552.00	\$29,839.80	\$287.80	0.97%
421	RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$13,900.00	\$13,900.00	\$0.00	0.00%
430	CONTRACTED MAINTENANCE SERVICES	\$177,942.00	\$190,109.50	\$12,167.50	6.84%
435	REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS	\$86,000.00	\$86,600.00	\$600.00	0.70%
500	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$200.00	\$0.00	(\$200.00)	-100.00%
510	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$996,636.00	\$1,024,589.00	\$27,953.00	2.80%
520	PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$38,103.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,897.00	4.98%
521	LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$29,914.00	\$31,274.75	\$1,360.75	4.55%
523	ERRORS & OMISSIONS INSURANCE	\$15,800.00	\$16,590.00	\$790.00	5.00%
530	TELEPHONE	\$39,485.00	\$40,365.00	\$880.00	2.23%
531	POSTAGE	\$8,675.00	\$8,774.00	\$99.00	1.14%
540	ADVERTISEMENT	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
550	JOB PRINTING & BINDING	\$5,650.00	\$5,350.00	(\$300.00)	-5.31%
561	PUBLIC SCHOOL TUITION	\$260,000.00	\$230,077.00	(\$29,923.00)	-11.51%
563	PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION	\$690,000.00	\$843,840.00	\$153,840.00	22.30%
580	TRAVEL & CONFERENCES	\$10,502.40	\$10,452.20	(\$50.20)	-0.48%
582	FIELD TRIPS	\$3,070.00	\$2,620.00	(\$450.00)	-14.66%
610	SUPPLIES	\$68,481.01	\$99,521.87	\$31,040.86	45.33%
612	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$31,400.00	\$31,400.00	\$0.00	0.00%
621	NATURAL GAS	\$25,500.00	\$26,000.00	\$500.00	1.96%
622	ELECTRICITY	\$483,107.00	\$450,934.87	(\$32,172.13)	-6.66%
623	PROPANE GAS	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
624	HEATING SUPPLIES OIL	\$119,250.00	\$108,351.24	(\$10,898.76)	-9.14%
640	BOOKS/TEXTBOOKS/WORKBOOKS	\$80,103.92	\$75,281.00	(\$4,822.92)	-6.02%
643	LICENSES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$119,260.53	\$134,703.75	\$15,443.22	12.95%
730	EQUIPMENT	\$32,268.85	\$41,420.23	\$9,151.38	28.36%
810	MEMBERSHIPS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$39,910.00	\$41,302.00	\$1,392.00	3.49%
811	LEGAL FEES	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total	Total	\$17,284,700.00	\$17,890,000.00	\$605,300.00	3.50%

The 2021-2022 Board of Finance Directed 3.5% Budget

The 2020-2021 Board of Education Budget is \$17,284,700. The Board of Finance gave the Board of Education a directive of 3.5% or an additional \$605,300.

THE 3.5% BUDGET INCLUDES

- ▶ Continuation of programming at all schools
- ▶ Maintaining EGPS class size guidelines
- ▶ Business Office operation enhancements
- ▶ One union contract negotiation
- ▶ Compliance with contractual obligations of the Administrative, Certified, and Non-Certified unions
- ▶ Funding of Chromebook Refresh out of operating budget rather than Capital funds
- ▶ A 3% Increase for Group Health/Dental
- ▶ Budgeted increase at 5% for worker's compensation
- ▶ Budget increase at 5% for Property, Liability and Errors / Omissions Insurance
- ▶ Adjustments for utilities and plant maintenance such as Water, Rubbish Removal, Contracted Maintenance, Telephones and Internet, Electricity and Plant Equipment
- ▶ 10 % of staff being charged to Choice, IDEA and Title I Grants

Thank you to the community for your
continued support!