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TO: The Boards of Selectman and Finance and Town Council
FROM: Bryan D. Luizzi, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools
on behalf of the New Canaan Board of Education
DATE: January 29, 2018

Presented for your review and consideration is the New Canaan Board of Education's proposed budget request of \$90,663,487 for fiscal year 2018-2019. This budget request represents a 3.48% increase from the current fiscal year operating budget.

Several key factors were considered when establishing this budget. These include 1) responding to enrollment and demographic shifts, 2) increasing support for our middle-school learners in the area of mathematics, 3) maintaining all facilities through appropriate staffing and identifying urgent priorities for repair, 4) cost containment strategies in labor and other contract negotiations, and 5) insurance experience and the correlated influence on projected claims costs for 2018-2019.

This Board of Education proposed budget was developed in alignment with the district's goals, budget assumptions, and related priorities. As a result, it provides the resources to accomplish the following:

- maintain and enhance our high quality educational programs for all students;
- support the continued implementation of 21st century skills in all curricular areas;
- leverage investments in technology across the organization;
- partner with parents and the community in the process of continuous improvement;
- respond to enrollment patterns and shifts in demographics;
- support high-quality curricular, instructional, and assessment practices district-wide;
- serve as responsible stewards of all district facilities;
- focus on the safety and security of all students and staff; and
- nurture our positive classroom and school environments district-wide.

The comprehensive budget documentation offers a detailed view of all cost centers, outlines drivers of the budget request, and provides a narrative of the goals of the district with respect to proposed

changes in staff and services for 2018-2019. As district and building level administrators worked with staff throughout the school system to build this budget, every decision was guided by a cost benefit analysis, seeking to leverage all resources in alignment with our district mission and for optimal student outcomes. After presentation of the Superintendent's Budget Proposal, the Board of Education carefully reviewed the requests, shared insight and feedback, and adopted this slightly modified version as its own.

This budget request preserves the high quality attributes of the New Canaan Public Schools while also positioning us to remain a world-class school system in the years ahead. On behalf of the Board of Education, I am proud to share this 2018-2019 Board of Education Budget with each of you, and look forward to the thoughtful dialogue we will share in the months ahead.