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Dear Friends,

Happy Spring to all our Families, Students, Faculty and Community. While "Old Man Winter" was reluctant to release his grip on us this year, we look forward to warmer temperatures and longer days ahead. As always, we are appreciative of your support in these early days of Spring to combat the challenges of illness, cold, rain and mud by supporting us and getting your kids to school each day!

This month, we wanted to use our column to update you on a "smorgasbord" of events that we are excited about as a district. We think these items capture some of the story of our schools and hope you find them interesting and informative:

- **Town/Board Budget Process:** We presented our Board Budget to the Town Council on 3/1. As you know, the BoE budget requests an increase of 1.3% which is our most conservative budget request in over a decade. The presentation went extremely well and we are so grateful for their questions, support and collaboration. On 3/13, the Town adopted the Mayor's budget which included the Board proposal. A special appreciation goes out from me to our Mayor, Town Council Chairman, and Town Councilors for their leadership and vision for our town and schools. Over the next few months, we will collaboratively participate and monitor our state budget process and work hard to manage challenges as appropriate.
- **Updates at CIBA:** CIBA has had a busy month with recently being ranked #31 in the Nation's Best High Schools for Science and Technology. A huge congrats to Principal Stedman and her entire team. In addition with Principal Stedman's retirement at the end of this school year, we have promoted current Assistant Principal Kathleen Simoneau as our newest school leader and are thrilled with the talent, skill and knowledge we know she brings to the role.
- **EHHS Boys Basketball Runner-up LL Champs:** Congratulations to Coach Ed Lavoie and the East Hartford Hornet's Men's Basketball Team on being the runner up for the boys LL State Championship. We are incredibly proud of our team for making the final at the Mohegan Sun Casino and showcasing their talent to over 8,000 people. Although the score at the end of the game was certainly not what we hoped for, we left the arena with chins held high in the air, proud of our boys, proud of our program and proud of our community. Off the court, our team is equally as impressive in the classroom, with a team GPA over 3. Congrats to Coach Lavoie and a huge thank you to our boys for a fantastic season!

Certainly a busy month for East Hartford Public Schools with much to celebrate and much to be grateful for. Thanks in advance to each of you who has been willing to work so hard along the way as we work to do big things for our kids, families and community. Let's keep working hard together!

As always, if we can be of service to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience (Mr. Hall – 860-622-5017 hall.br@easthartford.org, Mr. Quesnel – 860-622-5107 quesnel.nd@easthartford.org).

With great East Hartford pride,



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