



What's Well from Wells Hall

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Dear Friends,

Greetings and warm wishes! As we head into our Christmas break, we wanted to pause to wish you and yours a Happy Holidays and a safe and prosperous New Year. 2016-2017 has truly been a remarkable calendar year for EHPS and we look to 2018 with hope, enthusiasm and inspired commitment to continue our journey of growth together!

This month, as we often do at this point in the year, we wanted to use our column to pass on a brief summary of the proposed Board of Education Budget for FY 2017-18 that was unanimously approved by the Board of Education on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Crafted in alignment with our broad and aspirational EH2020 vision, this budget will continue to promote *Schools that are the Pride of our Community* as well as strategically deliver a high quality learning experience for *Every Child, Every Day*.

Please know that this budget was developed in response to the current economic constraints facing our state and town. Our board adopted budget nets out at **\$90,436,419** (\$1,170,000 /1.3% over the current year adopted budget) due to the required drivers of employee health benefits (\$500,000) and Other Post-Employment Benefits (\$670,000). It is important to recognize that all other costs were absorbed into the current operating costs. As always, the work of a district budget is a result of the efforts of many, but we would like to specially recognize our town leadership including our Mayor, Town Council and Town Finance Office for their efforts to work collaboratively to help us develop a budget that responsibly invests in the future of our great town. In East Hartford, working together is a solution that always works!

On behalf of the 6,732 students and over 1,300 faculty members, we want to thank you for your unwavering support of the vision and mission of East Hartford Public Schools. Our next step in the budget process is to present our budget to the Town Council on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Following the town appropriation, we will reconvene as a board and adopt a final district budget. If you are interested in reviewing our budget or in any of the presentations that carefully explain this complex process, we invite you to view our website [www.easthartford.org](http://www.easthartford.org) where the information can easily be accessed.

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](mailto:hall.br@easthartford.org), Mr. Quesnel – 860-622-5107 [quesnel.nd@easthartford.org](mailto:quesnel.nd@easthartford.org)).

Happy Holidays to you and yours,

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