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and influence the future with  
courage and compassion.*

## Clinton Board of Education Updates & Information – March 2018

### MARCH 26<sup>th</sup> FACILITIES PLANNING INFORMATIONAL MEETING

- You are invited to attend and hear about the Board of Education’s work to review school facilities, both current upkeep and future maintenance needs, as well as to explore and evaluate future enrollment and space needs. On March 26, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Morgan School cafeteria, the Board of Education's Budget & Finance and Building & Grounds Subcommittees will host the presentation for Board members and the public. The information presented will include an initial overview of the current facilities, a discussion of programming needs, a review of the projected enrollment trends, and an outline of the process and timeline for the work of the Board related to school facility decisions.
- The Board and administration are in the process of creating a 3-year strategic plan for the district's goals and programming initiatives. At the same time, the Board is also exploring future school facility needs and evaluating the ongoing maintenance costs and capital investments required to maintain all of the school buildings. Consideration for the potential closing of a school in the future is a top priority of this work.

### FACEBOOK LAUNCH

- The Board of Education Public Relations Subcommittee is excited to announce the launch of the new [Clinton Public Schools Facebook page](#). The page is now live and a direct link can be found at the bottom of our [District webpage](#). Twice weekly, we will update the page with everyday happenings in our schools, and share pictures, information about our programs, and the experiences and achievements of our students and staff in Clinton. Be sure to “Like” the page and share it with your friends and neighbors!

## CLINTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY SURVEY

- The Town Parks & Recreation Department has developed a community survey to gather input related to programming, and has requested that we share the link with all families and encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the survey: [Clinton Parks and Recreation Department Community Survey](#).

## 2018-2019 BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

- Budget Timeline:
  - Approved by the Board of Education on February 5, 2018.
  - Presented to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance on February 23, 2018.
  - Reviewed by the Board of Selectmen on February 28, 2018 – Capital Budget reduced by \$76,500.
  - Reviewed by the Board of Finance on March 12, 2018 – Operating Budget reduced by \$300,000.
  - The total 2018-2019 Board of Education budget approved by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance is summarized below:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ Increase</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
Operating Budget	\$32,835,941	\$657,505	2.04%
Capital Budget	\$400,000	\$107,262	36.64%
Debt Reduction	\$2,617,381	\$668,103	34.27%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$35,853,322</b>	<b>\$1,432,870</b>	<b>4.16%</b>

- The 2018-2019 budget represents what is needed to operate our schools and meet the needs of the students in our district.
  - The increase in the *Operating Budget* is due in large part to increases in transportation costs, special education costs, salaries, and benefits.
  - The *Capital Budget* contains funding to upgrade and replace flooring, HVAC systems, and equipment in our four school buildings, and to replace classroom technology and improve technology infrastructure.
  - The *Debt Reduction* is primarily for the New Morgan School bonding and a window project at Eliot.
- For more detailed information and explanation, refer to the [BOE Budget Book](#).