INTRODUCTION LETTER



February 2022

Dear Members of the Clinton Community,

After diligent work as a Board of Education to set parameters for budget formation and to conduct workshops to review and adjust the budget requests put forth by the staff and the administration, the Board of Education approved an operating budget for the 2022-2023 school year at its meeting held on February 7, 2022. The approved budget represents a total amount of \$34,552,204 or a 1.89% increase over the current year's approved operating budget.

It is noteworthy that this year's budget development reflects the district's priority to return to a more traditional approach to in-person instruction, while continuing to provide the level of intervention and support the members of our community require and deserve. To that end, this budget supports the social-emotional and academic learning supports that will be necessary for our students to recover, accelerate their learning, and thrive.

The Board of Education's approved 2022-2023 operating budget funds the instructional staffing, materials, programs, and extracurricular needs of our students and staff, while leveraging grant funding to minimize the operational request and the financial impact on the local community.

The Clinton Board of Education has worked diligently to make quality budget decisions. The process of budget preparation, development, and consideration has been thorough and responsive to the requests of the Town Council regarding budget parameters and development. We respectfully submit this budget, and the supporting detail contained in the budget book, to the Town Council, the Town Manager and to the citizens of Clinton. We hope that you will review the information and participate in the public process that leads to the May referendum.

Sincerely,

Erica Gelven

Board of Education Chair

Maryann R. O'Donnell Superintendent of Schools