



Let's Talk Turkey

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*** **Special Budget Edition** ***

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET

INFLATION & COVID-19 CONTINUES TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE BUDGET PROCESS:

Welcome to the Annual Budget Edition of "Let's Talk Turkey." As COVID restrictions continue to be lifted I believe we can all start looking forward to recovery and renewed economic growth. Over the past year, spiraling inflation—especially for fuel and other energy costs—has squeezed family budgets and made life more difficult for those on fixed incomes. Consumer price index is at ~7% year over year. We have all seen our gas prices increase by 50%. Home heating oil has increased 60%. These cost increases have also impacted portions of the town budget.

MIRA (Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority): The facility run by MIRA handles about a third of the state's municipal waste, including East Granby's. It has been plagued by mechanical issues for some time and the aging plant is expected to close operations this July, transitioning from a trash-to-energy plant to a transfer station. Retired First Selectman Jim Hayden has just been re-appointed to the MIRA Board of Directors, so we are getting timely updates. Trash disposal costs have increased significantly over past years and options for municipal trash disposal are limited.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA): This federal government taxpayer funded plan allocated \$65.1 billion to municipalities throughout the country earmarked for items related to COVID recovery. Connecticut will receive \$2.55 billion statewide, with \$1.56 billion to general government and an additional \$995 million to boards of education. East Granby will receive a total of \$1,521,186.01. The first half was disbursed on June 21, 2021 and the second half is to be disbursed in the next couple of months. The U.S. Treasury has strict guidelines on how these funds are spent and these guidelines are continuously updated, most recently on April 1, 2022. I put together a team to research proposed items we feel will be covered under the given guidelines.

BUDGET HEARING – APRIL 19th at 7:00PM: East Granby High School, 95 South Main Street

BUDGET INFORMATION: In addition to this edition of "Let's Talk Turkey" for more information you may click on the www.eastgranbyct.org home page under "Town News." You may also call the First Selectwoman's Office at (860) 413-3301 or for Board of Education information you may call (860) 653-6488 or visit www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us. To provide budget feedback directly to the BOF you may e-mail them at 22-23budgetcomment@egtownhall.com.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- The BOF will meet immediately after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 19th and decide on the budget which will take it to the Town Budget Meeting for taxpayer consideration.
- The Town Budget Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd.
- A Machine Ballot Referendum will be held on Thursday, May 12th.

Eden Wimpfheimer,
First Selectwoman

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EAST GRANBY'S PROPOSED BUDGET

Covering the Period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

The Board of Finance anticipates that it will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed town budget on at the East Granby High School Auditorium on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. This is an opportunity for you to learn about and comment on next year's spending plans and revenues. All residents and taxpayers are encouraged to attend.

Projected Revenues

The Board's projection of revenue for 2022-23 is:

<u>Proposed Revenues</u>	<u>Budget 2021-22</u>	<u>Projected 2021-22</u>	<u>Anticipated 2022-23</u>	<u>Percent Change*</u>
Property Tax Collections	\$20,779,874	\$20,779,874	\$21,666,913	4.27%
State Grants	2,602,477	2,614,477	2,614,477	0.00%
Town (Fees, Interest, and Non-Property Tax)	329,277	329,277	341,972	3.86%
Use of General Fund Balance	882,922	882,922	730,629	-17.25%
Total Revenue	\$24,594,550	\$24,606,550	\$25,353,990	3.04%

*Based on a comparison of the Current 2021-22 Projection to the 2022-23 Projection.

The first column shows the estimates used in last year's budget presentation, while the Current 2021-22 Projection is based on year-to-date experience and expected future revenues. **Property Taxes** include the taxes we pay on our houses and cars, plus past-due taxes, interest, and liens. **State Grants** depend on State action each year. The Board of Finance is basing their revenue projections for next year on the Governor's proposed state budget for 2021-2022, which at this writing is the only comprehensive proposal available. **Other Town Revenue** includes fees for town services (e.g., building permits, charges for activities) and interest on invested funds. Estimates are based on tax calculations, past experience and input from the revenue generating departments. **Use of Cash Balance** is the amount of the prior year end unallocated cash balance used to offset the need for additional revenue.

Proposed Spending

The proposed budget provides for total town spending of \$25,353,990 to be funded from general revenues including property taxes.

<u>Proposed Expenditures</u>	<u>2021-22 Approved Budget</u>	<u>2021-22 Projected Spending</u>	<u>2022-23 Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Percent Change**</u>
Board of Education	\$17,890,000	\$17,890,000	18,407,000	2.89%
General Government	5,070,000	5,070,000	5,196,750	2.50%
Debt Repayments	806,808	806,808	1,150,240	42.57%
Capital Reserve Fund	600,000	600,000	600,000	0.00%
Prior Year Charges Paid This Year	---	239,742	---	N/A
Total	\$24,366,808	\$24,606,505	\$25,353,990	3.04%

**Comparing the 2021-22 Approved Budget to the Proposed 2022-23 Budget.

The **Education** and **General Government** budgets are described in more detail below. **Debt Service** is the payment of interest and principal on the town's borrowing. The town borrows money to finance projects that are too big to be paid for from Operating or Capital funds. The current town debt includes the elementary school project (renovations at Allgrove School and renovation and expansion of Seymour School), the LED lighting projects for town and school buildings and the long-term borrowing for the "Roofs and Roads" infrastructure project approved by voters in February 2019. **Capital Reserve Fund** is an amount set aside to cover major, non-recurring purchases and maintenance of the town's infrastructure; it is the town's savings account. Before any money is spent from the Capital Reserve Fund it must be approved at a town meeting called for that purpose. **Prior Year Charges Paid This Year** are charges budgeted in a previous fiscal year that are paid in the current year. Because they were included in the prior year's budget, they do not directly affect the current year but are listed here since they impact the year end cash balance.

Impact on Taxes

In order to fund proposed 2022-23 spending—and based on currently projected State grants—the Board of Finance anticipates a tax rate of 34.1 mills. This is an increase of 0.5 mills (1.49%) from the current mill rate.

THE BUDGET PROCESS

The Board of Finance: The Board of Finance is responsible for East Granby's short- and long-term financial health. As such, the Board must balance the diverse needs and interests of all citizens with the resources available to meet those needs. The process of determining a budget is lengthy and requires compromise among all served. At the completion of the Board's deliberations members arrive at a budget recommendation that they feel best serves the needs of our town. The proposed 2022-23 budget is the result of these deliberations and is presented to the town with the endorsement of a majority of the Board.

Putting Together a Budget: During the winter the Boards of Finance, Selectmen, and Education begin to formulate a budget for the next fiscal year. The budget contains several parts: The Selectmen oversee the General Government operating budget, which includes all town activities other than the schools, and the Board of Education is responsible for the school budget. The Board of Finance calculates the amount required to pay principal and interest on the money that the town has borrowed for major projects and allocates funds for capital purchase and infrastructure maintenance through the Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Finance also estimates anticipated revenue for the year from town taxes and fees, the State, and other sources and provides direction to the Boards of Selectmen and Education for the operating budgets to be presented at the Public Hearing. The process culminates at the public hearing where the boards present their proposed spending plans and gather taxpayer comments about the proposals. Subsequent to the hearing, the Board of Finance determines the budget to be presented for a town vote.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Grand List: The Grand List is the sum of all taxable property in town and forms the basis of our largest revenue source: Property Taxes. Property is valued as of October 1 of each year with the total used for levying taxes as of the following July 1.

The Grand List is made up of three types of property: Real Estate, Motor Vehicles, and Personal Property which, despite its name, refers to business equipment and machinery. Motor Vehicles and Personal Property values are updated every year based on State Department of Motor Vehicles records and on business submissions to the Assessor for Personal Property. Real Estate is revalued every five years with a full inspection-based revaluation done at ten-year intervals (most recently, as of October 1, 2018) and market-based adjustments made at the intervening five-year mark.

The total net Grand List (after exemptions) increased \$16,045,377 or 2.59% from the prior year to \$636.0 million. A \$1.1 million decrease in Real Estate and Personal Property values was offset by a notable increase in Motor Vehicles of \$17.3 million. The unprecedented increase in used car values outpaced other Grand List growth in recent years and will likely result in significant increases to motor vehicle taxes.

Roofs and Roads Project: On February 13, 2019, East Granby voters approved a program of infrastructure improvements at town and school buildings and a long-term program of road maintenance and repair. Borrowing to fund this program began with the issuance of bond anticipation notes (BANs), which carried interest-only payments, in fiscal year 2019-20 and 2020-21. The Town issued bonds in July 2021 with only interest-only due in the current year. The upcoming year and subsequent fiscal years principal and interest will be due (for the life of the bonds).

State Action: State action affects the Town's budget through provision of grant funds for education, payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for state owned property in the community, real estate conveyance tax sharing, and other programs and indirectly through mandates that state law requires but does not fund.

In February, the Governor proposed a biennial State budget that covers the 2022-23 and 2023-24 fiscal years. Because it's the only definitive set of state figures available now, the Board of Finance has used the grant amounts in the Governor's proposed biennial budget, in the proposed town budget. East Granby receives funds through some but not all of the state grant programs. If the State subsequently cuts programs that we depend on, the impact may or may not be sizable, depending on whether or not the programs are ones we count on.

NEXT STEPS

We encourage you to attend the Public Hearing. After the Hearing the Board of Finance will develop a final budget for presentation at a Town Meeting on May 3 for approval, which, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, may be deferred to a referendum vote at a date to be determined.

FY22 General Government Proposed Budget

The General Government Fiscal Year 2022 budget funds all town operations other than the schools. This includes operation of Town Hall offices: the Police, Fire, Ambulance, Emergency Operations, and Highway Departments; Social, Youth, and Senior Services; the Recycling Center; Parks and Recreation; Building and Land Use; Building Maintenance; and the Library Association. In addition, the town does maintain some school facilities such as athletic fields. The proposed July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 FY22 budget request for these services is \$5,196,750 or a 2.5% budget increase as directed by the Board of Finance over the current year.

The town continues to work with surrounding communities for shared services which results in efficiencies which help keep costs down. We are members of the Farmington Valley Health District and the Tobacco Valley Probate Court. We share our Youth Services Counselor with Granby. Emergency Services are provided by the Granby Ambulance Association. Fire Dispatch is serviced by Tolland County Dispatch and we share our Animal Control Officer with Suffield.

With the diligent help from our Tax Collector, our FY21/22 collection rate (through March) was 98.86% compared with prior year FY20/21 (through March) collection rate of 98.43%.

The Grand List, the total of taxable property in town, increased by 2.59%. The prior year increase was only .05% more than the previous year.

The costs of waste disposal weigh as a key factor in this budget. Many residents I have spoken with are unaware that East Granby, for many years, has subsidized residential trash service pick up with Paine's. Tipping fees (fees for trash disposal) are increasing dramatically due to the planned shutdown of the MIRA trash plant site on July 1, 2022 and our trash will now need to be shipped out of state. We are signing a one-year long contract extension with MIRA at an increased cost per ton and in the meantime we will be pricing out different companies over the next year before the costs go up significantly in July 2023. Due to the increased tipping fees and tight budget restrictions, the BOS has determined it is necessary to remove the town subsidy for Paine's curbside pick up. The increased tipping fees have also increased costs to operate the town's Recycling Center (RCC).

At its last meeting, the BOF requested the BOS to allocate \$30,000 for a financial manager position in the General Government budget. East Granby is one of the rare towns in Connecticut which does not have a financial position in their municipal operations. As a result of this last-minute recommendation, the BOS was forced to find a way to pay for the change, which has resulted in an increase of the permit fee at the Recycling Center. The fee has not been raised since its inception in 2008. It will still remain lower and offer more services than many surrounding towns.

East Granby is on the cusp of exciting new development and we are looking forward to a bright future. We are proud of our agricultural roots and rural beauty, and economic development should be consistent with retaining this vision. Our plan is to continue to raise our grand list responsibly and respectfully in order to eventually ease the heavy tax burden from our taxpayers.

The most critical duty of our town government is to provide safety and security to our residents and businesses. Your BOS recently chose to approve the purchase of two "previously owned" fire apparatuses. The BOF voted their approval and the decision was made to purchase them, by reallocating 5-year Capital Funds, at a Town Meeting. These vehicles are priced at a fraction of new equipment. One is a Pumper Truck and the other is a Tower Ladder Truck. Plans should be flexible and we should make use of funds for unique opportunities such as this. In particular, the Tower Ladder Truck will provide added safety for our fire fighters, will reduce property damage due to fire and will potentially save lives. Thanks go to our Fire Chief and our Volunteer Firefighters who did their due diligence in checking the condition and operation of both vehicles and ultimately made the proposal to the town.

Thank you to our residents, our employees, our elected officials, and of course to the wonderful volunteers of our great town for continually working together.

For more information, please contact the Selectwoman's Office @ (860) 413-3302 or www.eastgranbyct.org.

Selectman Office (Line 0100) Decrease of \$8,398 or -4.3% ~ Due Mainly to Reduced First Selectwoman's Salary

Board Of Finance (Line 0400) Increase \$30,000 or +\$1,764.7% ~ Due to Recommendation by BOF for Part-Time Finance Director or Consultant New Hire

Town Counsel (Line 1000) Increase of \$5,000 or +33.3% ~ Due to Increased Counsel Fees

Town Clerk (Line 1100) Increase of \$10,374 or +8.4% ~ Due to Increased Personnel Costs

Public Buildings (Line 1400) Decrease \$22,821 or -11.4% ~ Due to Potential Reduction in Work Force Hours

Fire Department (Line 1700) Decrease \$17,472 or -9% ~ Due to Potential Reduction in Administrative Hours

Fire Marshal & Emergency Services (Line 2000) Increase of \$9,767 or 13.8% ~ Due to Increased Hours/Stipends

Public Works (Line 2100) Increase \$51,505 or +6.8% ~ Due to Increased Fuel Costs; Snow Removal; Lawn Maintenance and Labor Costs

Insurance (Line 2700) Increase \$56,546 or +7.3% Due Mainly to: New Cyber Policy; Anticipated 5% Increase Property & Casualty Insurance; Anticipated 6% Increase Health Insurance

Economic Development (Line 2900) Decrease \$10,000 or -\$20.4% Due to in Part to Offset the Cost of a New Permit System (Line 1500)

Animal Control (Line 3000) Increase of \$15,000 or +136.4% ~ This was explained in previous years budgets. For the past 2 years we have offset actual Animal Control costs by spending down the antiquated dog fund which is now depleted and the account will be closed at year-end.

RCC (Line 3400) Decrease of \$55,954 or -22.2% ~ Due to: Tipping Fees Increasing To \$111/Ton (From \$104/Ton); Removal of Town Subsidy to Paine's Customers \$95,000 (Per Paine's); Increased Permit Fee @ RCC from \$50 to \$75

Youth Services Commission (Line 3800) Increase of \$10,471 or +52.4% ~ Due to Increased Hours for Part Timer & Youth Action Council Stipend

The Budget as presented will:

- Cause Reductions of Labor Positions
- Reduce Funds Dedicated for the Economic Development Officers by \$10,000
- Eliminate the Tipping Fee Subsidy for Residents Who Have Subscription Trash Pick-Up
- Increase the RCC Permit Fee by \$25 (as part of the town budget approval)
- Add \$30,000 for a Financial Consultant per BOF Recommendation

The following items are not in the operating budget and may be eligible for ARPA funding, if not funded by ARPA the town must do without these items. The items add up to \$100,000.

- Selectmen's Office ~ \$3,000 for Grant Writer
- Assessor ~ \$5,000 for Personal Property Audit (Potential to Bring in \$15,000 in Revenue)
- Building Department ~ \$46,000 Custodial Position & \$5,000 for Bottled Water for Emergency Services (Police & Fire) and Certain Town Buildings
- Fire Department ~ \$20,000 for Clerical Assistance and Software & \$5,000 for a Grant Writer
- Public Works ~ \$12,000 for Equipment & \$4,000 for Labor

EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOL Budget Message

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”
—Benjamin Franklin

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at its regular meeting, the East Granby Board of Finance (BOF) directed the East Granby Board of Education to prepare and present a 2.89% budget (increase of \$517,000) at the Public Hearing scheduled for April 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the East Granby High School auditorium.

We appreciate and expend with great care the resources the town allocates to enable us to provide high quality instruction and experiences for the student population. We are extremely proud of the sustained excellence of the school system that is the pride of the Town of East Granby. Each year we endeavor to accelerate our momentum to institutionalize 21st century authentic educational experiences that will be attractive to aspiring learners and new residents. We continue to expand partnerships with the business community and higher education to ensure that our students graduate from the East Granby Public Schools with meaningful credentials earned while participating in our educational programs. In the East Granby Public Schools, educators work diligently to implement best practices to engage students in rigorous learning experiences while capitalizing on opportunities to realize efficiencies in our operations. Our continuing efforts include the following:

- Re-negotiating new contracts with vendors, taking advantage of collaborative opportunities for professional development, special education services, and cooperative purchasing;
- Pursuit of additional grant funding where eligible;
- Participation in regional arrangements with the Education Resources Collaborative (ERC), Farmington Valley Diagnostic Center and Capital Region Education Council to take advantage of group purchasing for services and resources;
- Shared transportation for students participating in Vo-Ag, Vo-Technical programs, and special education;
- Shared Services Committee with the Town of East Granby;
- Partnerships with higher education to support the academic program and create educational experiences for students;
- Combined purchasing with the town and other districts;
- Upgrading and streamlining purchasing and payroll processes;
- Expanding student support services to educate more children in district;
- LED lighting project at EGMS/EGHS and RD Seymour School.

East Granby Public Schools Accolades. Below are some recent accolades to highlight:

- 🏆 Award for Aspirations in Computing
- 🏆 Good Citizen Award Recipient
- 🏆 2021 CT Music Educators Association All State Choir Member
- 🏆 2021 CT Music Educators Association North Region Festival Members
- 🏆 2021 National Association for Music Education All Eastern Music Festival Member
- 🏆 Two band and eight chorus students were accepted to the 2022 CMEA Northern Region Music Festival
- 🏆 EGHS Best High School Silver Badge, U.S. News & World Report for 2015-2021 (Gold in 2017)
- 🏆 R.D. Seymour School of Distinction for 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019
- 🏆 2021 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)
 - 1st place in the 7th grade category for the Abigail Phelps Chapter; National invite
 - 1st place in the 8th grade category for the Abigail Phelps Chapter
- 🏆 2022 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in the 8th grade category for the Abigail Phelps Chapter

- 🏆 2021 University of Connecticut Writing Contest Winners
 - Platinum Award and Published writer in the 2021 Connecticut Student Writers Magazine
 - Several Silver Award winners and honorable mentions
- 🏆 2022 University of Connecticut Writing Contest Winners
 - Platinum Award and Published writer in the 2022 Connecticut Student Writers Magazine
 - Two Gold Award winners, One Silver Award Winner, and several honorable mentions
- 🏆 Student invited to participate in the 2020 Invention Convention US Nationals
- 🏆 Bradley Airport Art Exhibit
- 🏆 State of CT Department of Education Community Service Recognition Award 2021-22
- 🏆 College Board Rural and Small Town Recognition Award 2021-22
- 🏆 Girls Go CyberStart National Championship Qualifier 2021-22
- 🏆 R.D. Seymour School - U.S. News Best Elementary School 2021

Giving Back to the Community. EGPS students live the value of good citizenship and have given back to the community in a variety of ways including:

- 🏠 Labors of Love - provide winter clothing for those in need
- 🏠 Food Drives to support the Friend to Friend Food Pantry
- 🏠 PJ for A Cause- Benefiting CCMC
- 🏠 Hoops for Heart
- 🏠 Quest for a Cure to support Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- 🏠 Annual Ski-a-thon for Make-A-Wish Foundation
- 🏠 Gifts of Love
- 🏠 Annual Blood Drive for The Red Cross
- 🏠 Land Trust Interns
- 🏠 Senior Citizen Luncheon
- 🏠 National Honors Society Truck or Treat
- 🏠 Toys for Tots
- 🏠 Veterans Day Drive Through Parade
- 🏠 K-Cups for Veterans at the Rocky Hill VA Hospital and Home
- 🏠 R.D. Seymour Pet Food Drive to support a local animal shelter
- 🏠 R.D. Seymour made Valentines for local senior citizens

On the curriculum front, we will be entering our second year of implementing Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Program at the K-2 level. This systematic phonemic awareness instruction has already had a very positive impact on teaching students to read. We are excited about implementing iReady math at the K-5 level after much research and preliminary training. The platform allows for individualized learning, as well as a way to share student growth with families. We will be adding a new elective social studies course at the high school to meet 2019 state legislation, African-American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino studies. We are also very excited to continue to see growth in our STEAM courses, most notably with two new course offerings. For the first time, we will have a UCONN ECE Chemistry class, which will allow a student who achieves a specific score or higher to earn four credits at UCONN or another state university. In addition, we are expanding our Computer Science pathway, which has a K-12 continuum, with a Cyber Security class at EGHS.

We are thankful for the support of the community and the trust in our school district to make responsible financial decisions while providing an excellent education to our students. The Board of Education will continue to keep a close eye on evolving special education and student needs, mid-year health benefit changes, and building maintenance and repair.

We invite you to join the conversation to secure an appropriate level of funding so the East Granby Public Schools can continue to provide learning experiences of superior quality. The high performing East Granby Public Schools are the cornerstone of East Granby.

The Board of Education will present a Board of Finance directed budget of 2.89% for 2022-23 at the Public Hearing at 7:00PM on April 19th in the EGHS auditorium.

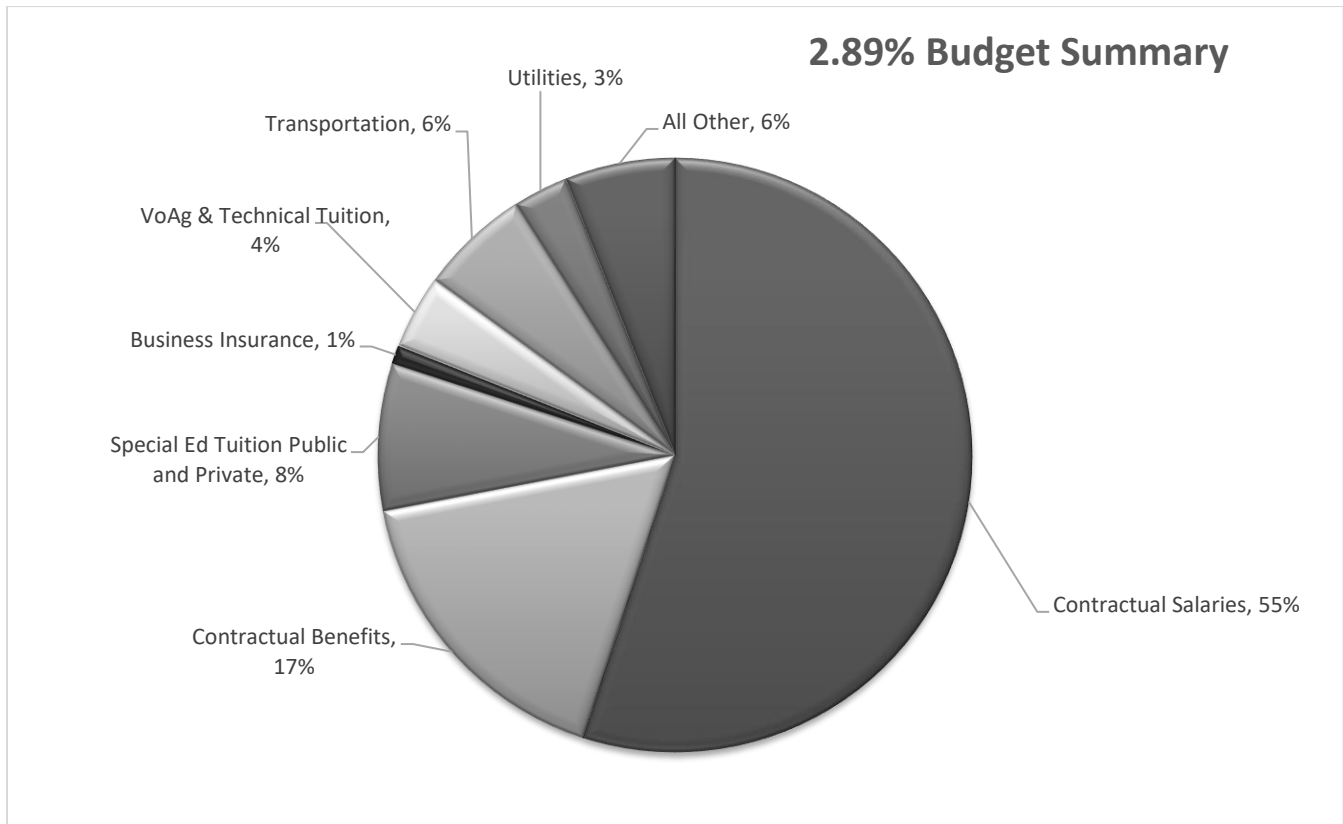
Public Comments may be sent to 22-23budgetcomment@egtownhall.com. At the Town Meeting scheduled for May 3rd at 7:00PM, the Board of Selectmen will set the date and time for the referendum.



2022 – 2023 BUDGET DRIVERS (actual dollar amount)

- ▶ Contractual salary increase for certified staff including stipends: \$460,818
 - All certified salaries
- ▶ Estimated contractual salary increase for non-certified staff: \$94,000
- ▶ Projected increase health care premiums: \$90,000
- ▶ Private tuition increase related to Student Support Services: \$30,686
- ▶ SSS Support Services (professional services): \$161,518
- ▶ Pupil transportation contractual increase: \$34,956
- ▶ Licenses / Subscriptions / Equipment: \$30,000
- ▶ Utilities: Natural Gas, Fuel Oil, Electricity, Water: \$65,880
- ▶ Total increase for above budget drivers: \$967,858 (or 5.4% increase over 2021-2022 budget)

The 2.89% budget summary reflects the use of grants to fund approximately \$580,000 of operating costs, primarily personnel.



2022-2023 Board of Finance Directed 2.89% Budget

Object	Description	2022 Budget	2.89% Budget Request	Dollars Net Change	% change
111	Certified Salaries	\$8,526,524.13	\$8,531,524.13	\$5,000.00	0.06%
112	Non Certified Salaries	\$1,698,753.99	\$1,714,323.00	\$15,569.01	0.92%
121	Certified Salaries Substitutes	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
125	Certified Substitutes - Contracted	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
131	Other Salaries	\$216,105.60	\$237,200.00	\$21,094.40	9.76%
210	Group Health and Life	\$2,710,000.00	\$2,800,000.00	\$90,000.00	3.32%
220	Employer FICA	\$130,000.00	\$133,000.00	\$3,000.00	2.31%
221	Employer Medicare	\$155,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$5,000.00	3.23%
230	Employer Pension	\$70,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$2,000.00	2.86%
250	Unemployment	\$27,900.00	\$28,500.00	\$600.00	2.15%
260	Workers Compensation	\$81,000.00	\$83,000.00	\$2,000.00	2.47%
320	Professional Development	\$80,000.00	\$99,000.00	\$19,000.00	23.75%
322	Assessment Services	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	0.00%
330	Professional Services	\$437,694.00	\$525,000.00	\$87,306.00	19.95%
340	Data Processing Services	\$30,465.49	\$52,800.00	\$22,334.51	73.31%
411	Water / Services	\$30,143.00	\$33,405.00	\$3,262.00	10.82%
421	Rubbish Removal	\$13,900.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,100.00	7.91%
430	Contracted Maintenance Services	\$190,109.50	\$205,282.00	\$15,172.50	7.98%
435	Repairs to Buildings	\$86,600.00	\$90,000.00	\$3,400.00	3.93%
510	Pupil Transportation	\$1,003,673.52	\$1,051,830.00	\$48,156.48	4.80%
520	Property Insurance	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	25.00%
521	Liability insurance	\$31,274.75	\$32,000.00	\$725.25	2.32%
523	Errors & Omissions Insurance	\$16,590.00	\$18,500.00	\$1,910.00	11.51%
530	Telephone & Internet	\$40,365.00	\$41,200.00	\$835.00	2.07%
531	Postage	\$8,774.00	\$7,169.00	-\$1,605.00	-18.29%
540	Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
550	Job Printing & Binding	\$5,350.00	\$2,150.00	-\$3,200.00	-59.81%
561	Public School Tuition	\$230,077.00	\$237,148.00	\$7,071.00	3.07%
563	Private School Tuition	\$785,000.00	\$810,183.00	\$25,183.00	3.21%
580	Travel & Conferences	\$10,452.20	\$10,653.00	\$200.80	1.92%
582	Field Trips	\$2,620.00	\$3,760.00	\$1,140.00	43.51%
610	Instructional Supplies	\$98,820.87	\$135,000.00	\$36,179.13	36.61%
612	Custodial Supplies	\$31,400.00	\$33,950.00	\$2,550.00	8.12%
621	Natural Gas	\$26,000.00	\$35,100.00	\$9,100.00	35.00%
622	Electricity	\$434,885.45	\$435,000.00	\$114.55	0.03%
623	Propane Gas	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
624	Heating Oil	\$108,351.25	\$143,683.00	\$35,331.75	32.61%
640	Books / Textbooks / Workbooks	\$75,281.00	\$87,198.00	\$11,917.00	15.83%
643	Subscriptions and Licenses	\$134,682.75	\$142,784.00	\$8,101.25	6.02%
730	Equipment	\$75,010.50	\$90,000.00	\$14,989.50	19.98%
810	Memberships & Special Programs	\$41,146.00	\$52,731.00	\$11,585.00	28.16%
811	Legal Expenses	\$38,500.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,500.00	3.90%
Total		\$17,890,000.00	\$18,407,623.13	\$517,623.13	2.89%



The 2022-2023 Board of Finance Directed 2.89% Budget

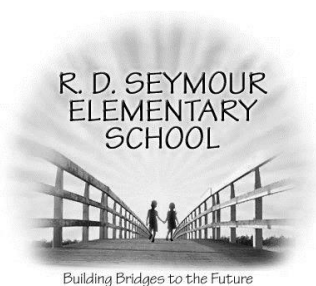
The 2021-2022 Board of Education Budget is \$17,890,000. The Board of Finance gave the Board of Education a directive of 2.89% increase, or an additional \$517,000.

The 2.89% increase in the budget reflects:

- ▶ Continuation of programming at all schools
- ▶ Maintaining EGPS class size guidelines
- ▶ Business Office operation enhancements
- ▶ One union contract negotiation
- ▶ Compliance with contractual obligations of the Administrative, Certified, and Non-Certified unions
- ▶ Funding of Chromebook Refresh out of operating budget rather than Capital funds
- ▶ A 3% Increase for Group Health/Dental
- ▶ Budgeted increase at 5% for worker's compensation (currently negotiating)
- ▶ Budget increase at 5% for Property, Liability and Errors / Omissions Insurance (currently negotiating)
- ▶ Adjustments for utilities and plant maintenance such as Water, Rubbish Removal, Contracted Maintenance, Telephones and Internet, Electricity, Plant Equipment, and fuel (currently negotiating)
- ▶ Addition of EGHS Girls Volleyball
- ▶ Addition of EGHS Intramurals
- ▶ Greater than 15 % of personnel will be charged to Choice, IDEA and Title I Grants

For additional 2022-2023 East Granby Board of Education Budget and Financial Information, please visit our website at: https://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us/board_of_education/budget

Thank you for supporting our students and educational programs!



East Granby Middle School



VETERANS TAX EXEMPTIONS

You may be eligible for a real estate or motor vehicle tax exemption. There is no age restriction. There is no length of residency requirement. There is no need to contact the Veterans Administration. You only need to be a resident who is an honorably discharged veteran, and whose time of service includes a specific period of war or conflict. You only need to contact the Assessor's Office to find out if you are eligible. And you only need to file your original discharge papers in the Town Clerk's Office.

Have you misplaced your original discharge papers? The above offices can tell you how to acquire a replacement original online. It's very easy.

Have you tried before to get this exemption and were you told that your time of service did not fall within the specific war or conflict dates? Please contact us again as these dates have been expanded in recent years.

Plus...If you have a VA disability rating of 10% or more, you are eligible for a higher exemption. The amount of the disability exemption has just been increased by the State for all eligible veterans. You need to bring your VA rating document to the Assessor if you have not done so. If the Assessor already has your VA rating document on file, your increased exemption will happen automatically.

Lastly, veterans...This exemption has been created by Connecticut State Statutes. It is earned by honorable military service during a time of war or conflict. Do not assume you are ineligible to receive it. Please contact the Assessor's Office at (860) 653-2852.

Guidelines for Submitting Articles

Please note that the deadline submission time is 9:00 AM on Monday. All articles must be submitted in Word format and sent via e-mail to newsletter@egtownhall.com. Deadlines are strictly enforced to ensure timely preparation of the publication. Articles should pertain to an East Granby organization, agency, or business (non-advertisement) and be of general interest to the public. With the exception of Town Commissions and Boards, we will not accept submissions that are more than one page in size including pictures, objects, and text. At the discretion of the Editor, articles and graphics may be edited. The name of the submitter and a daytime phone number must accompany each article.

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