



# Let's Talk Turkey

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

## FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET

Welcome to the Annual Budget Edition of "Let's Talk Turkey." Over the past fiscal year, higher than normal inflation has continued to put a drain on household budgets and the Town's finances are no exception. We take expense management very seriously and will continue to remain vigilant in driving savings into the Town's budget wherever it makes sense to do so.

As the economy continues to struggle, the effects are felt in our Town as well. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is at ~6% year over year, down slightly from last year at this time. CPI is a measure of the average change in prices over time for goods and services consumed. While gas prices have come down over the last year they remain high, averaging approximately \$3.297 for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline. Home heating oil is trending favorably as well, down 18.8% as compared to one year ago.

**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. East Granby General Government received a total of \$1,521,186.01. The first half was disbursed to us on June 21, 2022 and the second half was disbursed to us in part on August 10, 2022 and the remainder on October 4, 2022.

The U.S. Treasury has given guidelines on how these funds are to be spent. With the assistance of a bipartisan committee assembled under my leadership, along with the Board of Selectmen, requests have been evaluated, voted on and \$1,494,818 has been allocated to date. The ARPA funds were instrumental in funding Town projects and important services.

***Provided below are the next steps as we move the Budget into the final approval phases.***

**BUDGET HEARING:** Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00 PM at East Granby High School.

**BUDGET INFORMATION:** In addition to this edition of "Let's Talk Turkey," for more information you may click on the [www.eastgranbyct.org](http://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](http://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us). To provide budget feedback directly to the Board of Finance you may e-mail them at [Boardoffinance@egtownhall.com](mailto:Boardoffinance@egtownhall.com).

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- The Board of Finance will meet immediately after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 18th 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 2nd at 7:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center.
- A Machine Ballot Referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 16th at the Senior/Community Center.

Respectfully,  
Eden Wimpfheimer, First Selectwoman

### Newsletter Publication Schedule

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# EAST GRANBY'S PROPOSED BUDGET

## Covering the Period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

The Board of Finance anticipates that it will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed town budget at the East Granby High School Auditorium on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. 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 2023-24 is:

<u>Proposed Revenues</u>	<u>Budget 2022-23</u>	<u>Projected 2022-23</u>	<u>Anticipated 2023-24</u>	<u>Percent Change*</u>	<u>% of Total Revenue</u>
Property Tax Collections	\$21,534,473	\$21,534,473	\$22,880,474	6.3%	86.6%
State Grants	2,626,299	2,430,499	2,531,868	4.2%	9.6%
- Education	1,547,427	1,547,427	1,578,522	2.0%	6.0%
- Non Education	1,078,872	883,072	953,346	8.0%	3.6%
Town (Fees, Interest, and Non-Property Tax)	341,972	341,972	355,806	4.0%	1.3%
Use of General Fund Balance	1,077,047	1,077,047	640,293	-40.6%	2.4%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$25,579,790</b>	<b>\$25,383,990</b>	<b>\$26,408,441</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*Based on a comparison of the Current 2022-23 Projection to the 2023-24 Projection.

The first column shows the estimates used in last year's budget presentation, while the Current 2022-23 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 2023-2024, 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 \$26,408,441 to be funded from general revenues including property taxes.

<u>Proposed Expenditures</u>	<u>Budget 2022-23</u>	<u>Projected 2022-23</u>	<u>Proposed 2023-24</u>	<u>Percent Change**</u>	<u>% of Expenditure</u>
Board of Education	\$18,407,000	\$18,407,000	\$19,142,402	4.00%	72.49%
General Government	5,226,750	5,226,750	5,434,915	3.98%	20.58%
Debt Repayments	1,242,306	1,242,306	1,131,124	-8.95%	4.28%
Capital Reserve Fund	600,000	600,000	700,000	16.67%	2.65%
Prior Year Charges Paid This Year	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,476,056</b>	<b>\$25,476,056</b>	<b>\$26,408,441</b>	<b>3.66%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*\*Comparing the 2022-23 Approved Budget to the Proposed 2023-24 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) and 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 2023-24 spending—and based on currently projected State grants—the Board of Finance anticipates a blended tax rate of 35.8 mills. This is an increase of 1.91 mills (5.64%) 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 2023-24 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. After 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 \$4,137,906 or 0.65% from the prior year to \$640.1 million.

**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. The Town borrowed \$9.9 M for this project, repayable from 2022 through 2041.

**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 2023-24 and 2024-25 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.

In FY 2022-23 the state instituted a cap on the Motor Vehicle Mill rate of 32.46 mills. It was lower than the mill rate we had in place in FY 2021-22 and remains capped at 32.46 mills in the Governor's proposed budget.

## 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 2 for approval, which, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, may be deferred to a referendum vote at a date to be determined.

# FY24 General Government Proposed Budget

The General Government FY24 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 Collection Center (RCC); Parks and Recreation; Building and Land Use; Building Maintenance, and the Library Association. In addition, the town does maintain select school facilities such as athletic fields. The proposed July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 FY24 budget request for these services is **\$5,434,915** or a **3.98%** budget increase. The directive we received from the Board of Finance was 4.0%.

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 FY22/23 collection rate (through March) was 98.60% compared with prior year FY21/22 (through March) collection rate of 98.86%.

The Grand List, the total of taxable property in town, increased by .65%. The prior year's increase was 2.5% more than the previous year.

East Granby is well positioned for exciting new developments, and we look forward to a promising future. We are proud of our impressive agricultural roots and exquisite rural beauty, and our economic development should be consistent with retaining and growing our cherished New England heritage. Our plan is to continue to raise our Grand List responsibly and respectfully in order to eventually ease the tax burden from our taxpayers in a responsible and collaborative way.

Thanks to our residents, our employees, our elected officials, and of course to the wonderful volunteers of our fine Northern Connecticut town for continually working together with one common goal at the forefront: to make East Granby a better place for all to enjoy.

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

**Significant budget drivers in the FY24 budget are as follows:**

Registrars Line 0300 increased \$17.3K or 31.6% driven by cost of early voting expense.

Audit Line 0500 increased \$2.7K or 11.6% triggered by a new multi-year audit contract.

Public Buildings 1400 increased \$13.1K or 7.4% driven by camera monitoring and the increased cost of materials.

Building Inspector Line 1500 increased \$11.1K or 8.1% triggered due to the purchase of new permitting software.

Fire Department Line 1700 decreased (\$47.3K or 26.9%) due to the transfer select spend to capital funds offset by the hiring of a new budget administrator and an increase to training.

Police Department Line 1800 increased \$35.1K or 5.2% driven by the hiring of a new SRO and increased overtime expenses; offset by lower administrative expenses and budget chargebacks.

Fire Marshal Line 2000 increased \$15.1K or 18.8% due to an increase in weekly hours to cover required inspections.

DPW Line 2100 increased \$29.5K or 3.6% triggered by new equipment and repairs and higher inflationary costs (i.e., motor vehicle fuel).

Insurance Line 2700 increased by \$46.3K or 5.5% due to higher health insurance premiums (~7.1%) offset by lower workers comp coverage (~30%).

**The FY24 Budget, as presented, will do the following:**

- Funds all town operations other than schools; and,
- Reflect the recent direction from the BOF (+3.98% over FY23); and,
- Factors in 2.25% salary increase(s) to eligible employees effective 7/1/2023; and,
- Transfers \$125K from Town Operating Budget to Capital spend that:
  - Demonstrates a strong commitment to modernizing our all-volunteer fire department; and,
  - Establishes a five-year rolling Capital plan entitled “EGFD Modernization Upgrade.”
- Captures approximately a 30% budget save in Workers Comp insurance through a new, more cost-effective carrier; and,
- Charges back 50% to BOE for SRO police services in town schools; and.
- Includes a \$10K placeholder for Registrar expenses associated with early voting.

# EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOL Budget Message

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

On Tuesday, March 29, 2023 at a Special Meeting, the East Granby Board of Finance (BOF) directed the East Granby Board of Education to prepare and present a budget increase of \$734,402 (3.99%) at the Public Hearing scheduled for April 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the EGHS auditorium.

We appreciate the resources the town allocates to the school district that enables us to provide high quality instruction and experiences for our student population. We are extremely proud of the sustained excellence of the school system that continues to be the cornerstone of the Town of East Granby. It is not uncommon to hear that new residents have waited to purchase a home in East Granby because of the school system and the favorable aspects of living in a small town. We continue to evolve with programs and partnerships to ensure that our students graduate from the East Granby Public School District with meaningful experiences and coursework. In the East Granby Public Schools, educators work diligently to implement best practices to engage students in rigorous learning experiences, and all of our staff commit themselves to the growth and well-being of all of our students. Additionally, we capitalize on opportunities to realize efficiencies in our operations. Our continuing efficiency 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 with the Town of East Granby;
- Increased school safety measures shared with the town;
- 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 early childhood and preschool autism programs to educate more children in district through engaging and goal oriented programming;
- LED lighting project at EGMS/EGHS and RD Seymour School.


























## East Granby Public Schools Accolades

Below are some recent accolades to highlight:

- 🏆 2022 National Merit Scholarship Recipient
- 🏆 2022 The College Board National Recognition Program – 3 Recipients
- 🏆 EGHS has been recognized by US News & World Report as a US News Best High School for the past 6 years
- 🏆 R.D. Seymour School - U.S. News Best Elementary School 2021
- 🏆 Seymour School of Distinction for 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019
- 🏆 College Board Rural and Small Town Recognition Award 2021-22
- 🏆 UCONN Writers' Contest 2023 – Gold/published in nonfiction and Silver in Poetry
- 🏆 UCONN Letters about Literature Contest 2023 – First Place overall winner and several Silver Award Winners
- 🏆 CT Music Educators Association Regional High School Festival performer
- 🏆 CMEA Northern Regional Music Festival – 10 choir members and 2 band members
- 🏆 2022 Excellence in Community Engagement Award – Connecticut Land Conservation Council
- 🏆 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) essay Competition 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- 🏆 The Young Writer's Publication contest – 9 students selected for publication
- 🏆 Invention Convention 2022 – two students invited to participate in the US Nationals
- 🏆 EGMS finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Kids Lit Quiz Event 2023
- 🏆 Bradley Airport Art Exhibit
- 🏆 East Granby Public Library Juried Art Show participants

## **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
-  Clothing and Shoe Drives
-  Paws for a Cause / EG Youth Action Council
-  Hoops for Heart
-  Kids Heart Challenge
-  9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ski-a-thon for Make-A-Wish Foundation
-  EGHS Choir Winter Performance at Bradley International Airport
-  EGHS Choir performance at EG Community Tree Lighting Event
-  EGHS Choir performed the National Anthem at Hartford Wolf Pack game
-  EGHS Band Performance for Women's Club of EG at Winter Wonderland Event
-  Annual Blood Drive for The Red Cross
-  Land Trust Interns
-  Senior Citizen Luncheon
-  National Honor Society Trunk or Treat
-  National Honor Society Deck the Hall-Mart Craft Fair
-  Toys for Tots
-  Veterans Day Drive Through Parade and Celebrations
-  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
-  Land Trust Interns
-  Hat Day for Reagan Strong Fundraiser
-  EG Cares Day

## **Curriculum and Professional Learning Highlights**

Curriculum updates and job related professional learning is a key component to remaining current and relevant.

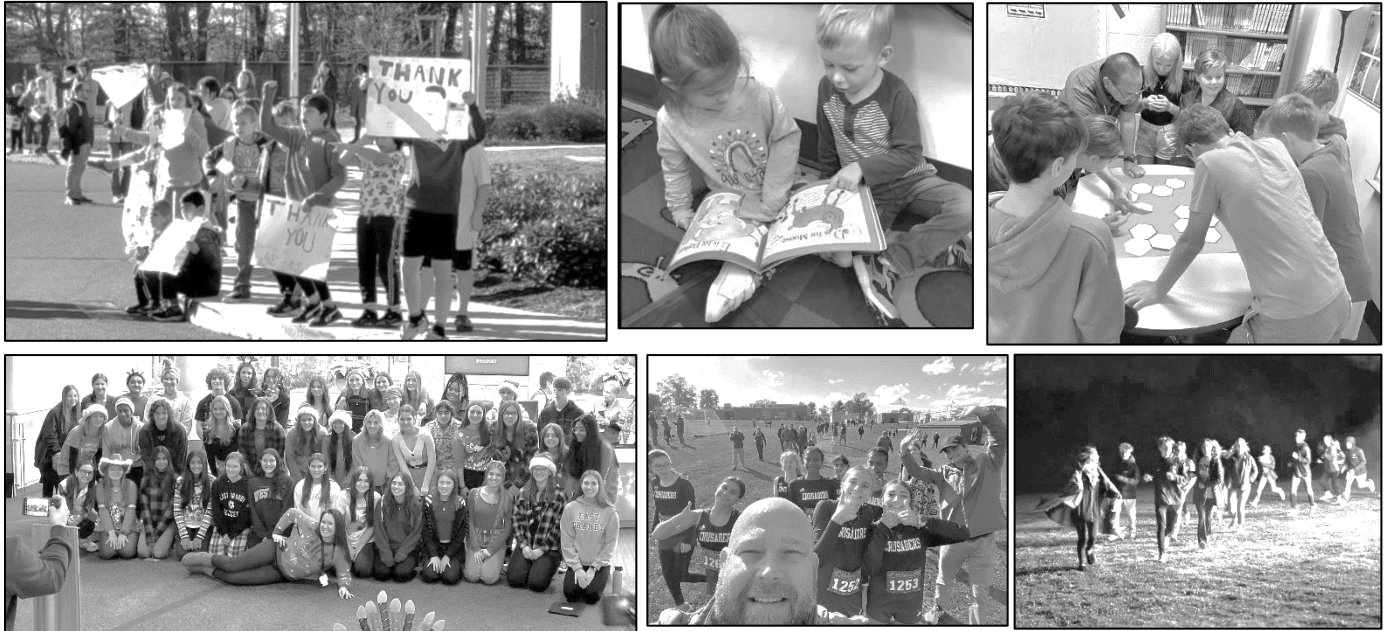
- ▶ East Granby applied for, and was selected to, the Science of Reading Masterclass seminars for the State of Connecticut. This endeavor is offered in conjunction with the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS). This free program provides nationally-recognized speakers, professional development books, and online learning resources. In addition, we receive free consulting from two professionals on best practices regarding using the science of reading for instruction in both Allgrove and Seymour elementary schools.
- ▶ As the state moves toward enacting the Science of Reading legislation, East Granby has prepared by examining the approved reading programs and doing analyses for which program would best suit our students. We are now awaiting word of possible grant funding through the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE).
- ▶ Implementation of iReady math program, grades K-5. This comprehensive program is a personalized learning system for students, which differentiates groups, along with targeting areas of individual needs. Students receive direct instruction from the teacher, have math workbooks, and hands-on learning, all supported by a robust, comprehensive online platform. In the coming school year, the program will expand to include sixth grade, as well.
- ▶ Shared elementary curriculum writing work with Suffield Public Schools for social studies. Allgrove and Seymour teachers met virtually with Suffield Elementary teachers, beginning last spring, to co-write units of study. Our faculty then added East Granby specific historical components to the units.
- ▶ For Professional Learning, EGPS used Vector Solutions, an online system with training modules for teachers and paraprofessionals. The PD is timely and up-to-date, with multiple options for specialized learning for educators with varying roles. The special education section allows individuals to match their learning to the child's needs. The mandated requirement sections allow the district to easily administer and track the state's directives.
- ▶ The Student Support Services Department engaged in learning on the state's new platform CT-SEDS, the Special Education Data System.

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 the physical spacing needs, evolving special education and student requirements, 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 3.99% for 2023-24 at the Public Hearing at 7:00PM on April 18<sup>th</sup> in the EGHS auditorium.**

Public Comments may be sent to [BoardofFinance@egtownhall.com](mailto:BoardofFinance@egtownhall.com). At the Town Meeting scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM, the Board of Selectmen will set the date and time for the referendum.

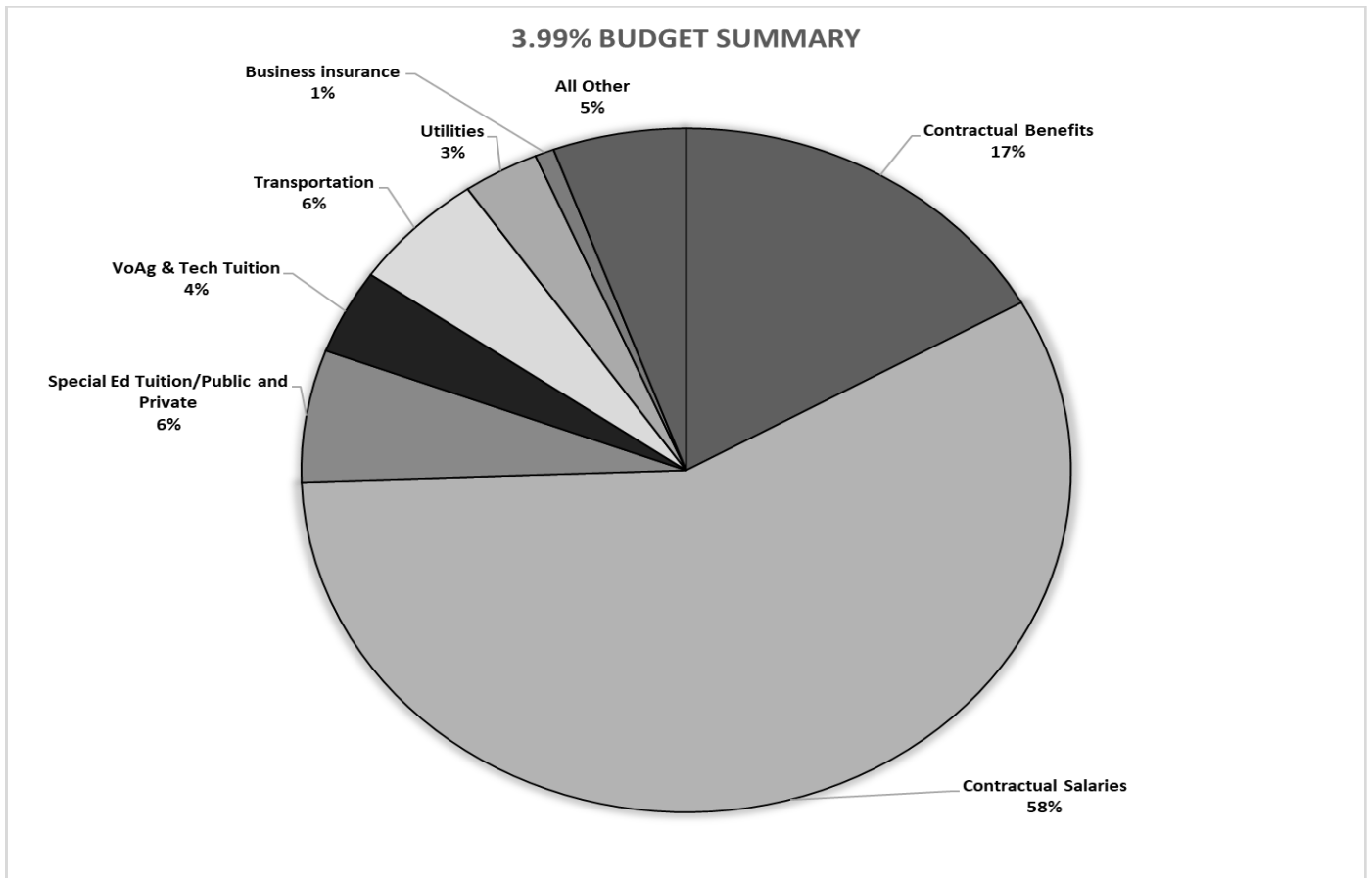


### **2023 – 2024 BUDGET DRIVERS (actual dollar amount of change over current budget)**

- ▶ Contractual salary increase for certified staff including stipends: \$163,938
  - To relieve this driver, we will be charging \$1,416,072 in staff salaries to grants
- ▶ Estimated contractual salary increase for non-certified staff: \$128,367
- ▶ Projected increase health care premiums: (\$150,000)
- ▶ Private tuition related to Student Support Services: \$147,004
- ▶ Student Support Services (professional services required for ind. student needs): \$241,742
- ▶ Transportation: \$36,505
- ▶ Licenses / Subscriptions / Equipment: \$30,000
- ▶ Utilities: Natural Gas, Fuel Oil, Electricity, Water: \$79,267
- ▶ All other budgeted items: \$66,674



The pie chart below reflects a 3.99% budget increase over current year for a total dollar amount of \$19,142,402.



## 2023-2024 Board of Finance Directed 3.99% Budget

2023-2024 Board of Finance Directed 3.99% Budget					
Object	Account Description	2024 Proj Bud	2023 Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
111	Certified staff	\$8,683,142.66	\$8,533,337.00	\$149,805.66	1.76%
112	Non cert staff	\$1,895,530.84	\$1,714,323.00	\$181,207.84	10.57%
121	CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES	\$135,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$10,000.00	8.00%
125	CONTRACTED SUBSTITUTES	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
131	Other salaries / Stipends	\$276,000.00	\$237,200.00	\$38,800.00	16.36%
210	GROUP LIFE & HEALTH INSUR	\$2,650,000.00	\$2,800,000.00	-\$150,000.00	-5.36%
220	EMPLOYER-SOCIAL SECURITY	\$135,000.00	\$133,000.00	\$2,000.00	1.50%
221	EMPLOYER - MEDICARE	\$167,500.00	\$160,000.00	\$7,500.00	4.69%
230	EMPLOYER - PENSION	\$75,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$3,000.00	4.17%
250	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$25,000.00	\$28,500.00	-\$3,500.00	-12.28%
260	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$70,000.00	\$83,000.00	-\$13,000.00	-15.66%
320	PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT	\$99,000.00	\$99,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
322	ASSESSMENT SVCS	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	0.00%
330	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$766,742.00	\$540,000.00	\$226,742.00	41.99%
340	DATA PROCESSING	\$80,800.00	\$52,800.00	\$28,000.00	53.03%
411	WATER/SEWAGE	\$34,750.00	\$33,405.00	\$1,345.00	4.03%
421	RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$17,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$2,000.00	13.33%
430	CONTRACTED SVCS MAINT	\$205,982.00	\$205,282.00	\$700.00	0.34%
435	REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS	\$94,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$4,000.00	4.44%
510	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$1,088,335.00	\$1,055,830.00	\$32,505.00	3.08%
520	PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$57,500.00	\$50,000.00	\$7,500.00	15.00%
521	LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$33,500.00	\$32,000.00	\$1,500.00	4.69%
523	ERRORS & OMISSIONS INSUR	\$19,000.00	\$18,500.00	\$500.00	2.70%
530	TELEPHONES	\$44,250.00	\$41,200.00	\$3,050.00	7.40%
531	POSTAGE	\$8,274.00	\$7,169.00	\$1,105.00	15.41%
540	ADVERTISING	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
550	JOB PRINTING & BINDING	\$2,150.00	\$2,150.00	\$0.00	0.00%
561	CT PUBLIC SCHOOL PAYMENTS	\$271,000.00	\$245,000.00	\$26,000.00	10.61%
563	NON PUBLIC SCHOOLS W/CONT	\$923,335.00	\$810,183.00	\$113,152.00	13.97%
580	TRAVEL & CONFERENCE EXP	\$10,823.00	\$10,653.00	\$170.00	1.60%
582	FIELD TRIPS	\$3,835.00	\$3,760.00	\$75.00	1.99%
610	Instructional Supplies	\$155,235.00	\$135,000.00	\$20,235.00	14.99%
612	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$35,000.00	\$33,950.00	\$1,050.00	3.09%
621	NATURAL GAS	\$37,500.00	\$35,100.00	\$2,400.00	6.84%
622	ELECTRICITY	\$395,000.00	\$435,000.00	-\$40,000.00	-9.20%
623	PROPANE GAS	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
624	HEATING SUPPLIES - OIL	\$181,150.00	\$146,000.00	\$35,150.00	24.08%
640	TEXTBOOKS/WORKBOOKS	\$59,701.00	\$55,000.00	\$4,701.00	8.55%
643	LICENSES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$165,520.50	\$145,000.00	\$20,520.50	14.15%
730	EQUIPMENT	\$94,608.00	\$90,000.00	\$4,608.00	5.12%
810	MEMBERSHIPS & SPECIAL PROGRAM	\$53,688.00	\$52,108.00	\$1,580.00	3.03%
811	LEGAL FEES	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$10,000.00	25.00%
Total		\$19,142,402.00	\$18,408,000.00	\$734,402.00	3.99%

# The 2023-2024 Board of Finance Directed 3.99% Budget

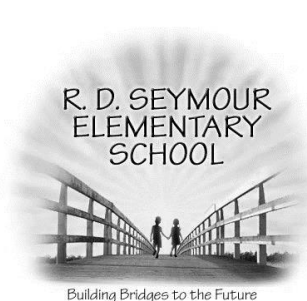
The 2022-2023 Board of Education Budget is \$18,408,000. The Board of Finance gave the Board of Education a directive of 3.99% increase, or an additional \$734,402.

## **The 3.99% 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
- ▶ A 10% Increase for Group Health/Dental (currently negotiating)
- ▶ 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)
- ▶ 50% of the salary for the School Resource Officer (grant funded for the '23-'24 school year)
- ▶ The purchase of a state mandated reading program
- ▶ Approximately \$1,400,000 of staff salaries will be charged to Choice, IDEA, ESSER and Title I Grants

For additional 2023-2024 East Granby Board of Education Budget and Financial Information, please visit our website at: [https://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us/board\\_of\\_education/budget](https://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us/board_of_education/budget)

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## 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](mailto: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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