



Ellington Public Schools

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On May 7, 2020, at a special meeting, the Board of Education unanimously passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has interrupted the daily lives of our students, their families, and our staff; and

WHEREAS, there are one-time savings associated with school closures in the 2019-2020 school year;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the incredible amount of work performed by the staff in responding to the pandemic by shifting schools to a distance-learning setting; and

WHEREAS; there will be a significant amount of work required of our staff to prepare schools in order for students to return to school campuses in the fall; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and the Town are planning for the recovery phase of this emergency and returning students to the classroom, with the recognition that additional budget adjustments may be necessary in order to reopen schools in compliance with public health and legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, many of our families have been impacted financially in recent months; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education in collaboration with its partners in Town government are seeking to provide a budget for 2020-2021 that does not require a mill rate increase; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education provides to the Ellington taxpayers \$1,332,000 in strategic budget reductions and adjustments as follows:

- Reduce the BOE Adopted Operating Budget for 2020-2021 by \$125,000,
- Eliminate or otherwise fund Capital Project requests for 2020-2021 worth \$298,000,
- Pledge to return a sum of \$909,000 from the 2019-2020 BOE operating budget.