



Chariho Regional School District

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Superintendent's 2022 Budget Message ***Context Matters***

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I am someone who believes in the phrase context matters. Chariho has set the context by ensuring there is a District Strategic Plan, Vision 2023, that has ambitious goals to ensure our schools continue on a path of success. We now have 3 Blue Ribbon Elementary Schools as Charlestown joined those ranks this year along with Ashaway and Hope Valley. Most of our schools are ranked at the 4-STAR or 5-STAR level. We continue to work to realize our goal that all of our schools will reach a 4 or 5-STAR level. In addition, new state legislation regarding curriculum and school-based management has begun and we must include these initiatives as we design our financial picture moving forward. This is all occurring in an environment where we are in the middle of a pandemic that has required schools to need more not less, as we work tirelessly to keep the quality of instruction, professional learning and services to our families as a top priority.

I'm confident that the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget will continue to move us closer to realizing our goals in our strategic plan. Prior to your receipt of this budget, I've already made reductions totaling \$412,766 from that which was requested.

Highlights of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget include, but are not limited to:

- *Preparing a new 5-year Capital Improvement Plan which will need to be prioritized to ensure our facilities are safe, warm, and dry. The capital projects will be an important stepping stone to begin our new 5-year plan.*
- *A new bid for a bussing contract due back January 12th. Due to the pandemic, we expect vendors to account for this in their bid packages as they structure their proposals.*
- *Staffing is down 2.5 certified staff from what was budgeted last year- 1.6 grants .9 out of operating budget.*
- *CTC grant money continues to be reduced more of the operating budget is being absorbed in order to maintain programming that is high quality.*
- *Incorporating our revised Mathematics and English Language Arts resource plan to meet the requirements of the 2023 deadline per the state legislation.*
- *The Fund Balance has been reduced to 2.5%*
- *Enrollment shifts of students in Chariho*
Charlestown has 24.61% of students or -.21%
Richmond has 37.76% or +.15%
Hopkinton has 37.63% or + .06%

The Chariho team and I look forward to providing you with the information that you need to approve and adopt a responsible Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

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