



# Board of Education Adopted Budget

Ledyard Public Schools | February 2026



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## Mission Statement

Ledyard Public Schools provides every child with the experiences, supports, and opportunities necessary for life and success in our diverse and evolving world.



2024-29 Strategic Plan

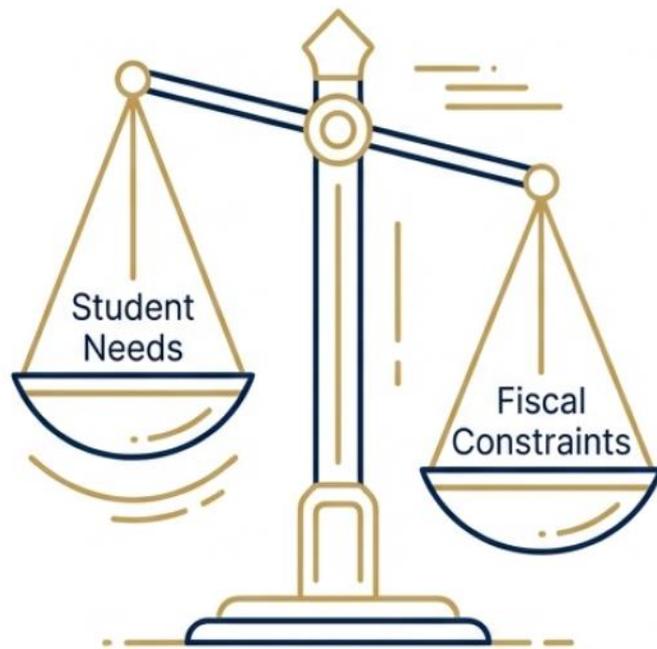


# A Budget for Stability and Stewardship

Our Mission: To deliver on the promises of the District Strategic Plan while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

The Context:

- Navigating contractual wage obligations.
- Absorbing inflationary pressures on operations.
- Strategically reallocating resources (funding new needs by reducing old costs).



# FY27 Financial Overview

**\$41,932,335**

Proposed FY27 Budget

**+\$1,470,093**

Increase over FY26

**3.63%**  
Increase



# Driving the 2026–2027 Budget: Contracts & Inflation

The 2026–2027 Ledyard Board of Education budget is primarily focused on maintaining required services while addressing unavoidable external financial pressures, with nearly the entire proposed increase tied to existing legal contracts and the rising cost of goods and services.

## THE DRIVERS OF GROWTH

**77.3%**

**Attributable to Contracts**

Largest portion of the budget increase is mandated by existing collective bargaining agreements.

**22.2%**

**Driven by Inflation**

Rising costs for utilities, supplies, and external services represent nearly a quarter of the increase.



**KEY FINDING:  
Strategic Neutrality**

Targeted strategic investments (20.7%) are almost entirely offset by line-item reductions (20.2%).

## INFLATIONARY PRESSURE POINTS



### Rising Special Education Costs

A limited pool of external providers continues to drive up tuition and service costs.

**\$210,703** Tuition and Programming Costs



### Transportation Adjustment

**\$115,678**

Reflects the specific inflationary increase for daily bus services and student conveyance.

**\$5,278** Misc. Supplies Inflation  
(Districtwide: Nursing, Art, Textbooks)



**\$27,339** Utilities Inflation Adjustment  
(Maintenance: Electricity, Sewer, Water)

# Ledyard Public Schools: 2026-2027 Budget Balancing Act

The proposed \$41.9M budget represents a 3.63% increase, strategically aligning resources to fund new investments (\$304,487) with targeted reductions (\$297,123) to maintain fiscal stewardship.

## INVESTMENTS vs. REDUCTIONS

Targeted Strategic Investments

Line-Item Reductions

**\$304,487**  
20.7%

**\$297,123**



### Strategic Investments (Program Enhancements)



#### Strengthening Academic & Operational Support

Funding a 1.0 FTE Math Instructional Coach and 1.0 FTE Facilities Department support.



#### \$40,802 for Operational Efficiency

Investment in a new districtwide timekeeping system to improve administrative reliability.



#### Modernizing Classroom Tools

Allocation for 100 graphing calculators and updated math and science textbooks.

### Targeted Reductions (Cost Savings)



#### \$297,123 in Line-Item Offsets

Reductions made to equipment, software, and tuition to fund new priorities.



#### Streamlining Technology & Curriculum

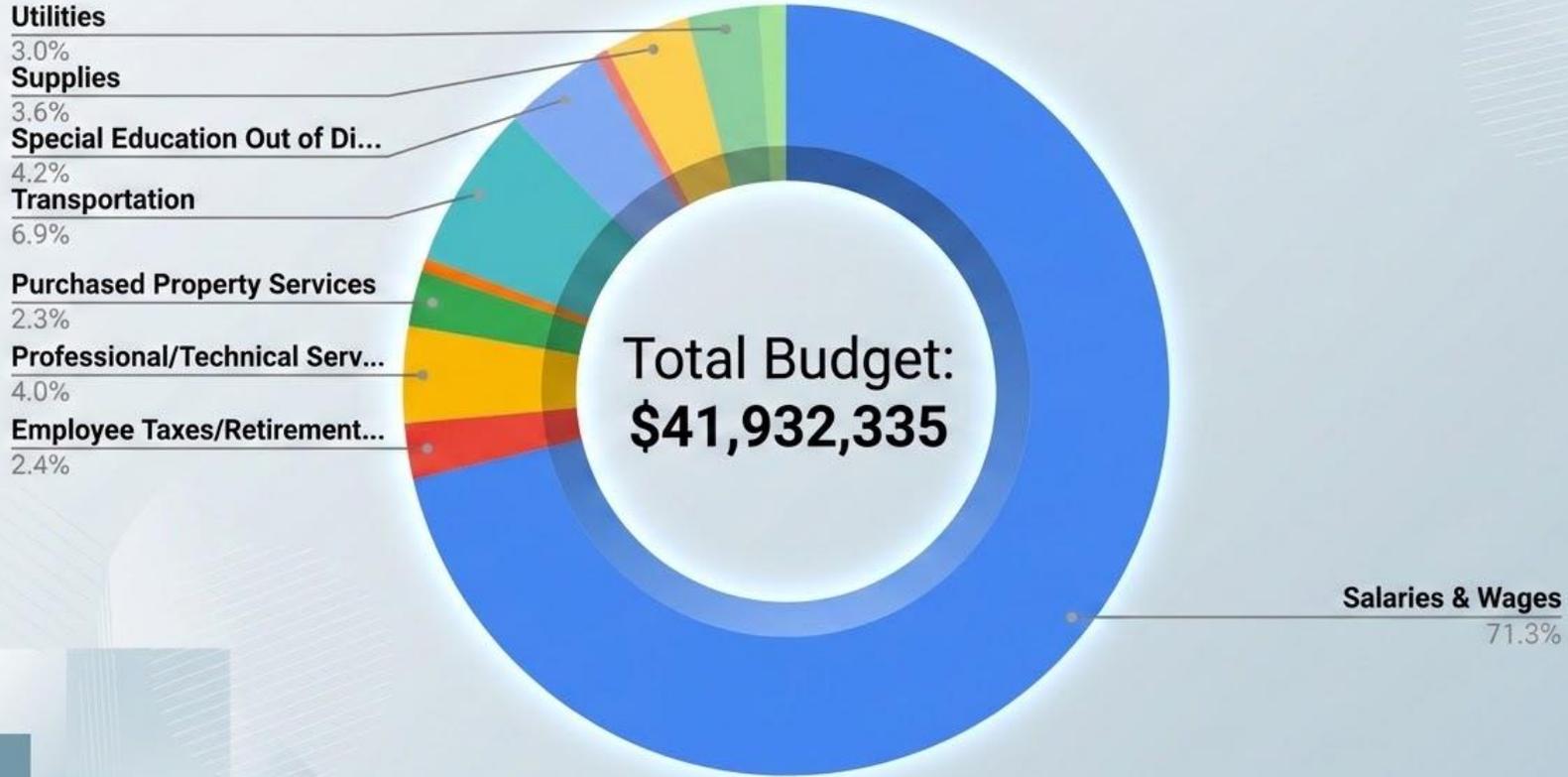
Discontinuing Dreambox software and replacing iReady with STARS assessment to save costs.



#### \$62,473 Savings in Tuition

Significant reduction in Magnet School Tuition costs based on current enrollment trends.

# 2026-2027 Budget Breakdown



2026-2027 Proposed Budget: \$41,932,335

# Budget Reductions

**2026-2027**

Request	Estimated Cost	Location	Type
BLUE - Reduction to budget	-\$297,123		
Testing Supplies - iReady	-\$44,266	Curriculum	Supplies
Testing Supplies - Curriculum Assoc	-\$21,095	Curriculum	Supplies
Wit & Wisdom Training	-\$5,000	Curriculum	Professional Serv
Curriculum Software - Dreambox, net of adj	-\$20,821	Curriculum	Other
Other Supplies - Athletics	-\$10,000	LMS	Supplies
Magnet School Tuition	-\$62,473	Curriculum	Other
Ignite Tutoring Services	-\$25,000	Elementary Schools	Professional Serv
Historic paraprofessional spending/turnover adjustment	-\$36,468	Districtwide	Salary
Equipment - Security	-\$52,000	Districtwide	Equipment
Teacher Retirement	-\$20,000	Districtwide	Salary

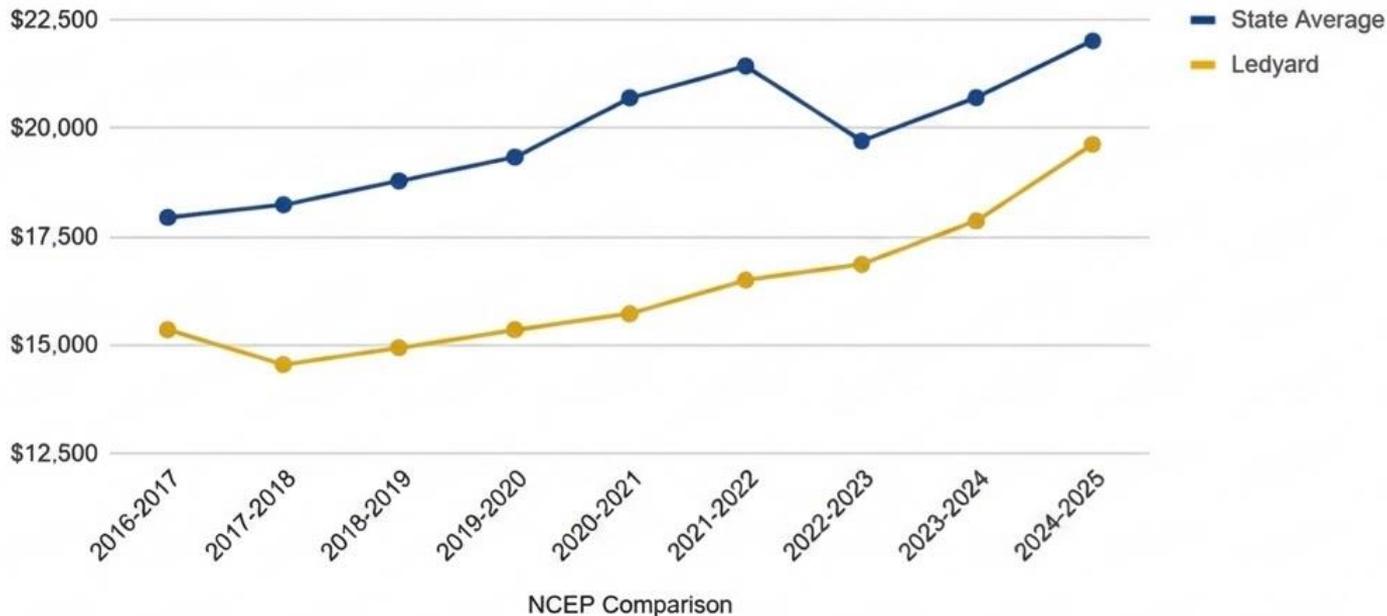
# Budget Additions

**2026-2027**

GREEN - Recommend for inclusion in budget		\$304,487		
Request	Strategic Plan Alignment	Estimated Cost	Location	Type
STAR Assessment for grades 4-8/ Offset with cut to Iready	Provide Opportunities	\$15,000	Curriculum	Supplies
Additional Seats mClass/Forefront	Provide Opportunities	\$8,362	Curriculum	Supplies
100 Ti84 graphing calculators	Program Maintenance	\$15,200	LHS	Supplies
Textbooks - General/Math Instruction	Program Maintenance	\$24,243	Districtwide	Supplies
Timekeeping system	Operational Efficiency	\$40,802	Districtwide	Equipment
1.0 FTE Elementary Math Coach (1 of 2 for full complement)	Active Engaged Learning	\$81,200	Elementary Schools	Salary
Afterschool Activities Director	Operational Efficiency	\$4,500	LMS	Salary
Marching Band	Excellence	\$12,180	LHS	Salary
District data dashboard engagement - year 1	Active Engaged Learning	\$10,000	Districtwide	Professional Serv
NEASC District accreditation - year 1	Excellence	\$8,000	Districtwide	Professional Serv
Professional Development - Teachers	Active Engaged Learning	\$5,000	LHS	Professional Serv
1.0 FTE Facilities Dept	Operational Efficiency	\$80,000	Maintenance	Salary

# Per Pupil Expenditure: Comparison to State Average

## NCEP Comparison

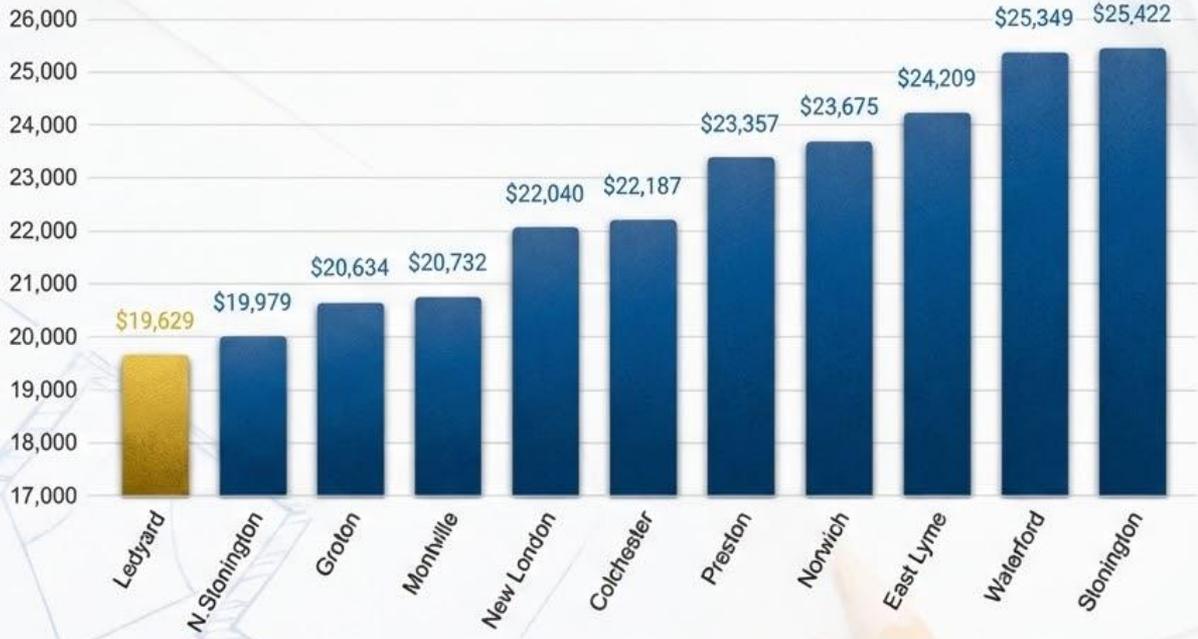


CT state average is \$22,029 versus \$19,629 for Ledyard,  
\$2400/student variance, \$2400 x 2296 students, \$5,510,400



# Per Pupil Expenditure: New London County

## Areas Towns in NL County 2024-2025 NCEP

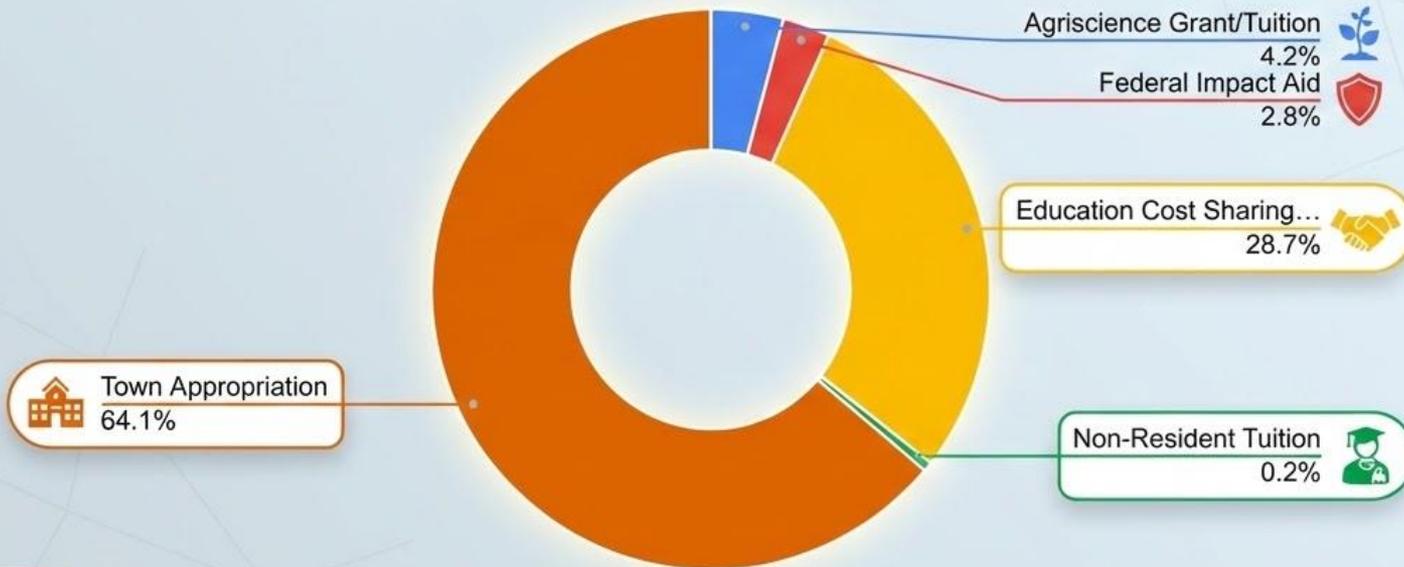


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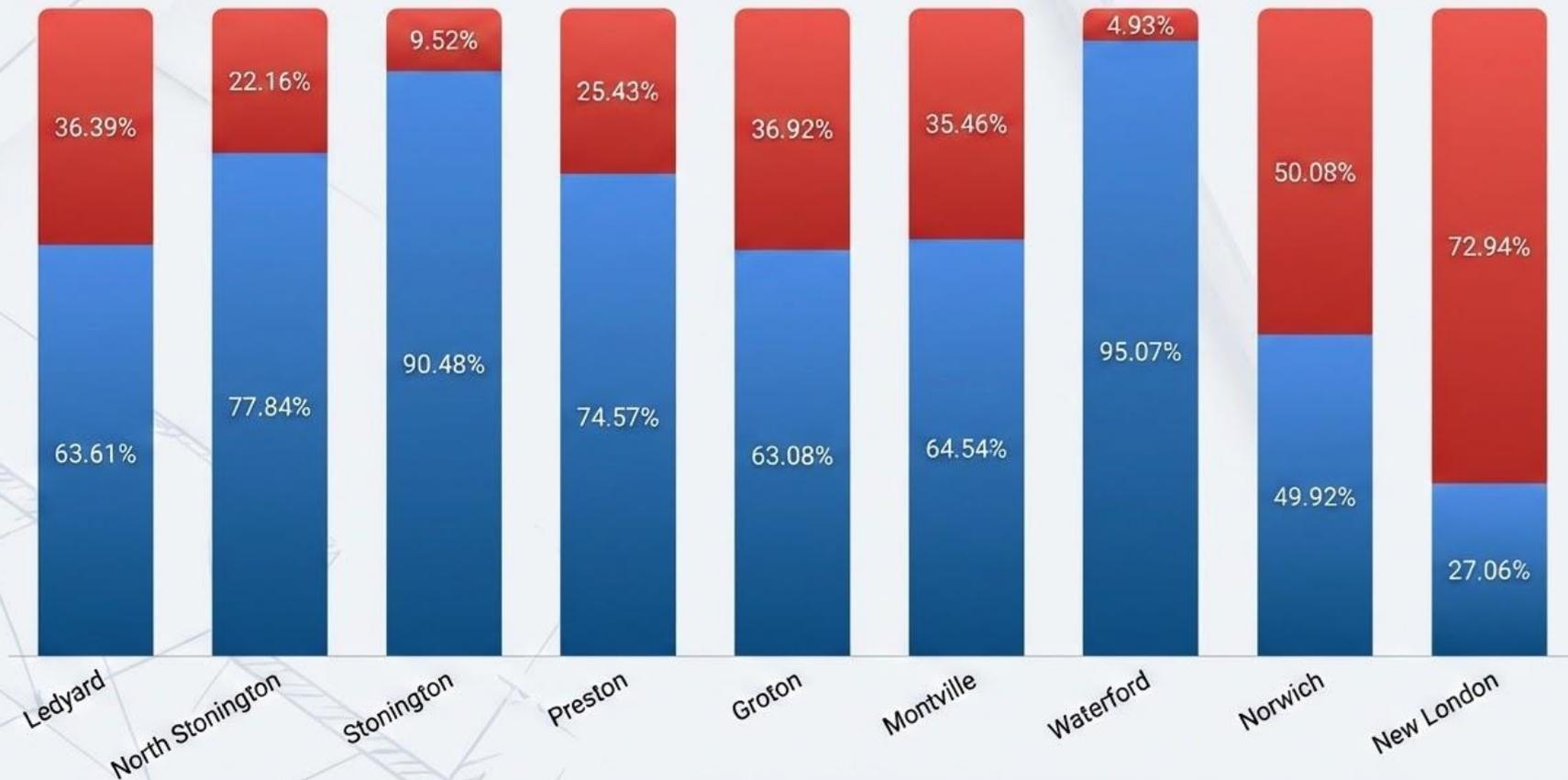
# Funding Sources

## Town of Ledyard Proposed 2026-27 Estimated BOE Funding Source



# Funding by Source\* - Local Districts (2023-2024 School year)

● State/Federal/Other ● Local



# Questions & Discussion

