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Dear Town Council members -

Thank you for all your work on the town budget. I'm sure you are disappointed that it didn't pass the first referendum, as I am.

Ledyard is behind other towns when it comes to the budget for our education, arguably the most important function of government. We cannot lower the BOE budget any further and also claim that we value education.

Tax payers may grouse about elevated property tax, but, education standards and reputation are the primary reason young families move to specific towns. As EB, Pfizer and the Submarine base continue to bring young families to the area, let Ledyard be a choice town for families to buy homes and increase the tax base. On my small street alone, the number of families with small children has increased remarkably in just the past 18 months, through buying in as well as the births of new babies. As their children reach school age, do we want to lose them, leaving only retirees like myself?

The only item I would oppose in the "education" budget is funding for the football field. As a former educator, I am of the opinion that this does not improve educational standards.

My opinion is that cuts be made to the general budget rather than to the education budget, as I entered on my ballot (voting FOR, by the way).

Thank you for your commitment and hard work,
Vivian F. Zoë