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Dear Councillors,

As you consider the Board of Education budget tonight please know that our children not only deserve the best public education we can give them but that they also need the best public education we can give them. They must compete in today's and tomorrow's world where new, real, and unknown challenges will have to be met. We want our children to grow up with a foundation that will help them succeed. This includes not only strong academics, but a strong curriculum that includes social supports such as athletics and clubs and having a strong emotional support system available when it is needed. Yes, this costs money, and lots of it. But the social costs of not giving our children the best we can has its own costs...abilities not recognized and/or supported, emotional and social challenges with no resources to support Ledyard children through difficult times.

The pandemic presented a myriad of challenges that we may well be still recovering from. Inflationary pressures don't help. The Town of Ledyard continues to fund education at a cost far below any other district in Southeastern CT and is in the lowest 10% in the state. This is not a point of pride. Please support the Education Budget as the Board of Education unanimously supported it. Let's give our Ledyard children the best education we can.

Sincerely,  
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