## **Roxanne Maher**

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**To:** Roxanne Maher; Cc.; BOE@ledyard.net; Town Council Group

**Subject:** Budget cuts

Dear Ledyard Town Council members,

Thank you for all your work on the town budget. I'm sure you were disappointed when it didn't pass the first referendum. I was.

We already know that Ledyard is behind other towns when it comes to paying for our children's education. We cannot lower the BOE budget any further and also maintain that we value education. Educational standards and opportunities are the primary reason young families move to certain 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 settle in. Where education is valued we have a "win win" situation.

You have a tough decision but I believe the consensus and my opinion is that cuts be made to the general budget rather than to the education budget.

Thank you for the hard work,

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