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May 31, 2022

Dear Members of the Eastford Board of Education:

We hope this letter finds you and the entire Eastford Public Schools community well!

As our 221st year comes to an end, we wanted to provide an update to all our educational partners. While this year was more typical than the last few, we are still seeing some effects of the recent pandemic in our students. We have concerns around our absenteeism rate and the overall school disengagement we are seeing. You have our commitment that both concerns will remain an area of focus for us moving forward.

In just a few short weeks, there will be 274 students walking across the stage to earn their high school diploma. The class of 2022 had a unique high school experience, but they persevered and demonstrated inspirational tenacity. We should all be proud of what they have accomplished despite what their journey may have looked like.

In addition to the upcoming commencement, restoration work has started on the historic Academy Building, which will turn a roughly 150-year-old building into a modern educational environment. This project will allow students who have classes in the building to be more collaborative, provide a permanent home to the nationally ranked Model United Nations Program, and house a small museum display highlighting the inner workings of the original clock tower along with other elements of our past.

This year also saw many new or returning features which benefit our entire school community. We had a full opening of the Beatson Maker Space, and we completely reopened the Loos Center of the Arts. Once again, we were able to provide the school-wide SAT Day and the data team started to meet more regularly to analyze a variety of testing scores. Our work in diversity, equity, and inclusion has resulted in positive changes campus wide. Additionally, our students saw great successes on the playing field and in academic competitions. I can assure you, by almost any measure, this was a successful year at The Academy.

We understand that what we are able to accomplish and the successes our students earn are built upon the foundation of our sending communities. We never lose sight of this fact and speak of it often. So, while we celebrate our achievements, they are really a reflection of all of us, and we want to thank you for that.

As always, our doors are always open for a visit. We are also happy to visit your district and talk about our offerings and how your students are performing. We know we are far from perfect, but we strive to improve each day.

We wish you and the entire Eastford Public Schools district a restful and relaxing summer.

Sincerely,

Christopher Sandford
Head of School

Cc. Dr. Donna Leake, Superintendent, Eastford Public Schools
The Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees

End of Year budget spending 2021-22

Consider tabling items XIV.E., Unexpended Funds for Municipal Reserve Fund (2021-22) and XVI.D., End of Year Budget Transfers and Purchases, to a Special Meeting of the Board of Education to be held on Monday, June 20, 2022.

Focus on the following:

- Allow the administration to pre-purchase as much as possible with remaining dollars to lessen the pressure of the 2022-23 budget (approximately \$60,000-\$80,000)
- Consider the purchase of items cut from the 2022-23 budget prior to Town approval
- Approve the purchase of requested projects, with focus on safety and security
- Request dollars up to \$42,009.84 (1%) to be placed in the Municipal Reserve Fund
- Decide on the amount of additional dollars the BOE wants to give back to the Town

Line	Amount	6/2/2022
Salary, Reg Ed Teachers	\$25,000.00	
Salary, SE Teachers	\$9,500.00	
Stipend, Extra Duty	\$7,000.00	
Tutors	\$500.00	
Sub Nurse	\$1,500.00	
Sports Stipends	\$4,900.00	
Salaries Total:	\$48,400.00	
Prep for Audit	\$1,000.00	
Sports Officials	\$3,000.00	
Sports Travel	\$5,948.00	
Dues, BOE	\$528.00	
Other Total:	\$10,476.00	
Subtotal (Salaries + Other):	\$58,876.00	
SE Tuition	\$125,000.00	
SE Transportation	\$33,000.00	
Summer Camp	\$3,900.00	
SE Total:	\$161,900.00	
Total:	\$220,776.00	

Item(s)	Cost
Technology in 22/23 budget (\$3684 three teacher Macs, \$9480 ten student Macs, \$3650 AllinOne SmartBoard, \$4547 Server, \$721 Surv camera replacement)	\$22,082.00
Furniture in 22/23 budget (desks and shelving)	\$1,500.00
ELA Readers	\$7,395.00
Supplies (Classroom/ Health/ Maintenance)	\$10,000.00
Attorney Fees	\$10,000.00
EMCOR (Bank of Hours)	\$5,000.00
Included in 22/23 budget totals:	\$55,977.00

Technology cut from 22/23 budget (\$1795 Projector, \$721 Surv camera replacement, \$1271 Mac Mini for Surv)	\$3,787.00
New Phone System cut from 22/23 budget	\$6,769.00
Cut from budget totals:	\$3,787.00

Concrete entry estimate	\$10,000.00
Recess Entry Fire Doors	\$8,062.05
PreK Playground door Keyless Entry	\$3,425.90
Kindergarten Floor replaced	\$7,906.25
Gym Walls - Fully painted	\$16,570.00
Gym Ceilings - Fully painted	\$10,390.00
Electrician projects for heating system	
Project Totals:	\$56,354.20

Additional Items:

Begin playground equipment update	\$20,000.00
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Accounts held in 22/23, except for emergencies:

Attorney - Building Repair - Supplies (Classroom/Health/Maintenance) - Textbooks - Purchased Services

Potential Increases:

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	
Employee Benefits	\$416,536.00	\$421,719.00	not including new hires
Heating Oil (10,000 gallons)	\$25,000.00	\$40,000+	current price \$4.04/gal
Salaries (Regular Ed teachers)	\$956,548.00		more, based on new hires
Special Ed Outplacements	\$150,336.00	\$250,336.00	approx. \$100,000 more

Good Afternoon Carol,

Please see below for two prices within your budget. Either of these would fit in your main area and would not need to be placed off to the side space. See attached for a breakdown and images. Please let me know how else I can support.

Name of Job: Eastford Elementary School

Tel #: _____

Cell# _____

Location: 12 Westford Road, Eastford, CT 06242

Fax: _____

Design #: _____

Email: Carole McCombe cmccombe@eastfordct.org

QUANTITY	MODEL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	Freight Total	Subtotal	Contract Discount	TOTAL
	222231A	3 Spoke Geoplex Tower with cables	\$1,755.50	\$12,775.00	\$638.75	\$13,891.75
	Installation	Install of geoplex into main play area, safety surfacing existing				\$6,000.00
					Total for 3 Spoke	\$19,891.75
	220546B	5 post geoplex tower	\$1,719.80	\$10,990.00	\$549.50	\$12,160.30
	Installation	Install of geoplex into main play area, safety surfacing existing				\$5,200.00
					Total 5 Spoke Geoplex	\$17,360.30

Best Regards,

Andrew Kimball
 Park & Playground Consultant

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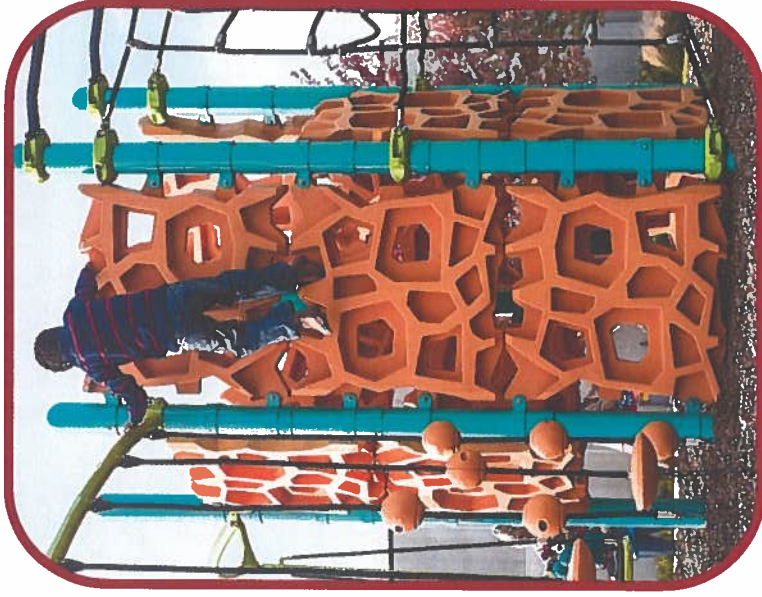
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GeoPlex® 5-Post Tower



Sensory Systems Engaged	Motor Skills	Cognitive Skills	Social Skills
Vestibular Proprioception Tactile	Agility, Balance, Coordination, Endurance, Fine Motor, Eye-Hand Coordination, Core, Upper & Lower Body Strength, Motor Planning	Problem Solving Strategic Thinking	Cooperation Social Skill Development Imaginative Play

The GeoPlex 5-Post Tower is a combination of five GeoPlex Climbers that create a fun climbing tower. These panels are made of solid material that provides solid handhold and foot hold in different geometric shapes. This adds a level of challenge as children have to use their problem solving skills to use the geometry of the shapes to climb successfully. These panels help build motor planning and coordination as children play.

GeoPlex® 3-Spoke Tower with Cables



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The GeoPlex 3-Spoke Tower with Cables is a combination of three GeoPlex Climbers and net cables. Children have to balance their motor planning skills as they move from solid material of the GeoPlex panels with the movement of the net cables. This will challenge their motor coordination while they climb from panel to cable as they play.

