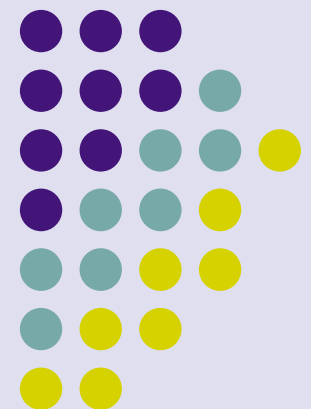


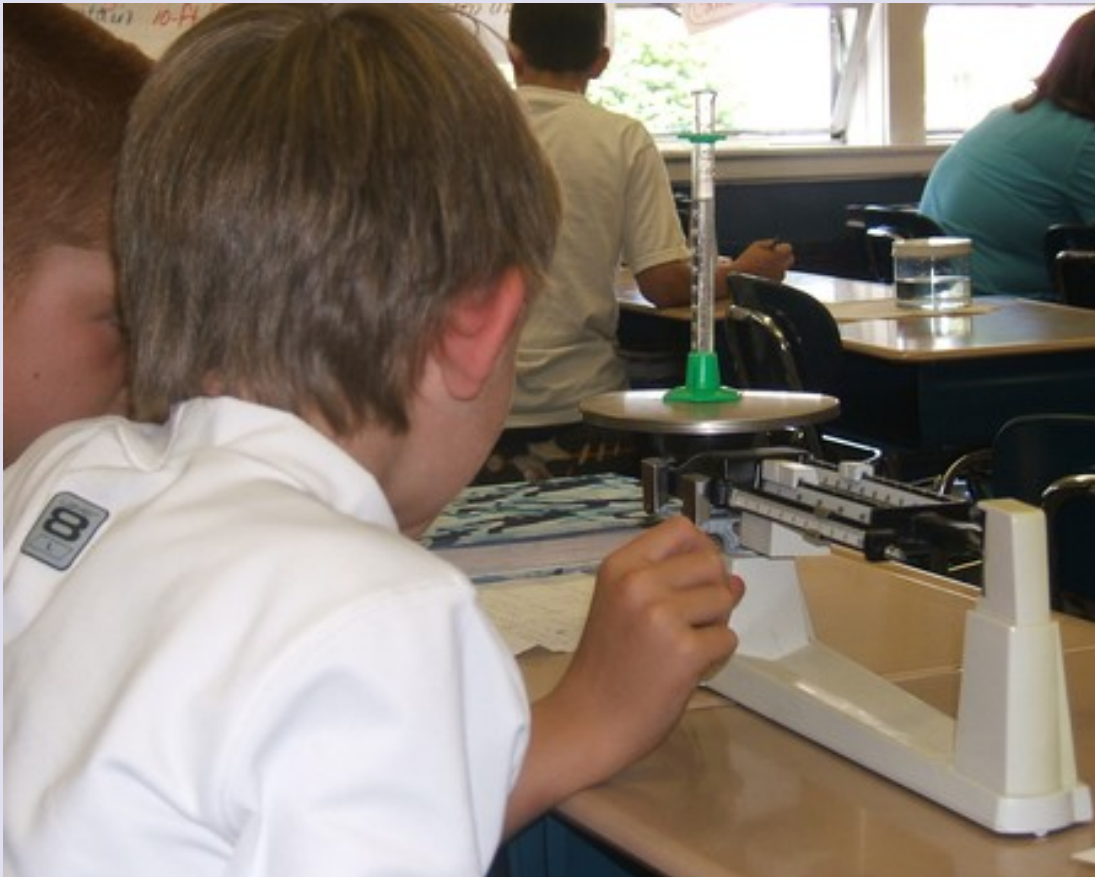
# Education in Eastford

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Education is critical to our  
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Our children are our future.

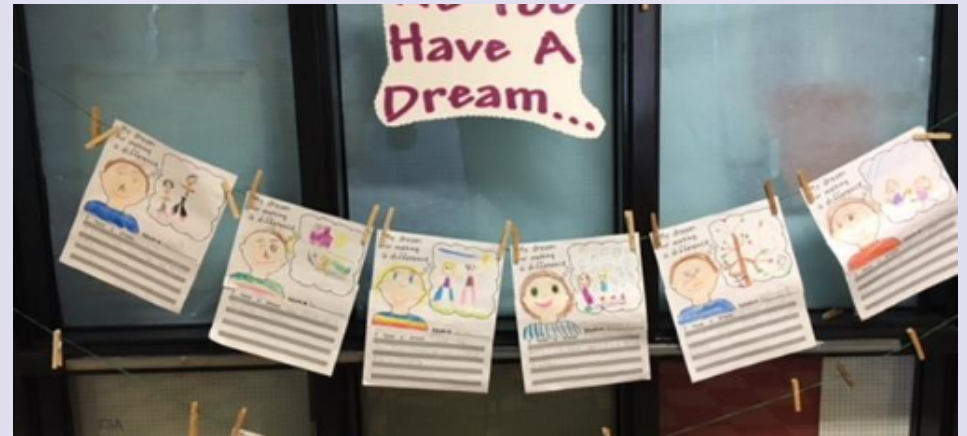


# Education in Eastford



Many wonderful academic activities occur daily at Eastford Elementary School.

**Everyday learning and special events contribute to a positive and productive school community.**

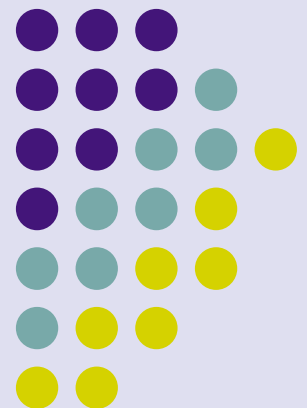


# Eastford Elementary School

## High School Choices

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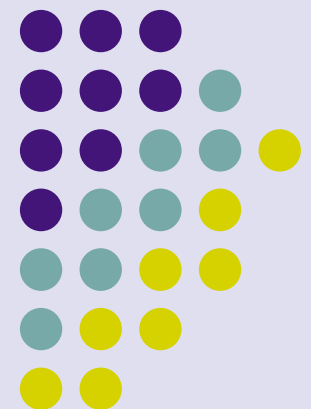
*Planning for the*  
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**Issue 1: Can Eastford  
continue to afford the  
PK-8 School?**

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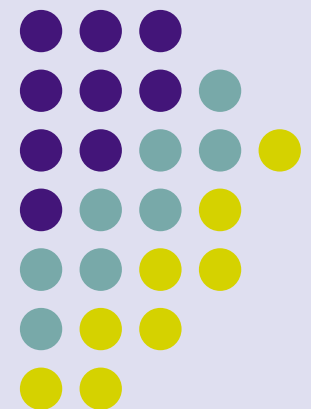
**Issue 2: Should Eastford  
designate another or  
different high school  
for tuition and  
transportation?**



# Numbers

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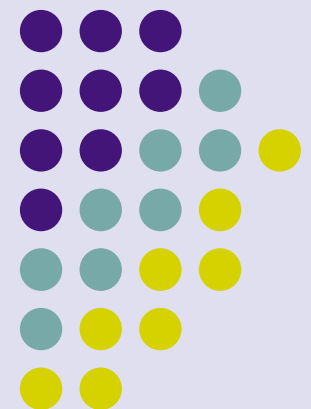
- Eastford School has 164 students Preschool-Grade 8.
- In 2008-2009, there were 185 students.



# Numbers

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- Eastford has 44 students at Woodstock Academy and 14 students at other high schools.
- In 2008-2009, there were 91 Eastford students at Woodstock Academy and 16 at other high schools.

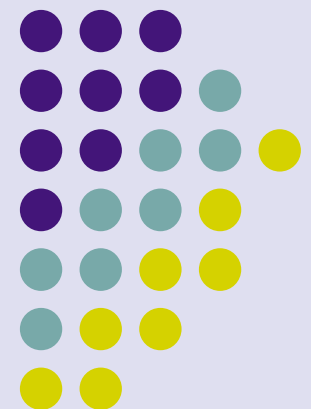


# Issue Number 1

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***Educational Expenses are Increasing***

***State Aid (Educational Cost Sharing) is declining.***



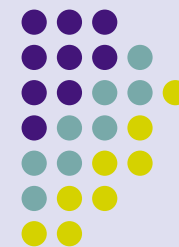


# Eastford Per Pupil Expenditures



- According to state reports, in Eastford, the net current expenditures per pupil (2016-17) is \$20,747. This includes expenditures for high school students.
- Of the 219 CT District reports, only 20 spend more than Eastford per pupil.

# Eastford Per Pupil Expenditures: Past and Present



	NCE Net Current Expenditures	Average Daily Membership (ADM) Student Attendance	Net Current Expenditures Per Pupil NCEP (Col 1 / Col 2)
<b>2008-09</b>	<b>3,694,038</b>	<b>265.67</b>	<b>13,904.61</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>3,861,558</b>	<b>186.13</b>	<b>20,746.56</b>
Difference	167,520	-80	6,842

# Eastford Budget - Includes Elementary and High School Expenses



2010	3,603,634	(.083)% Decrease
2011	\$3,603,634	0% Increase
2012	\$3,603,634	0% Increase
2013	\$3,658,794	1.53% Increase
2014	\$3,711,407	1.44% Increase
2015	\$3,753,775	1.14% Increase
2016	\$3,805,201	1.37% Increase
2017	\$3,818,148	.34% Increase
2018	\$3,818,148	0% Increase
2019	\$3,818,148	0% Increase

Over the past 10 years, the Eastford budget has increased a total of 6%.

# ECS funds – Educational Cost Sharing – State Aid to Eastford



	ECS Total	Eastford Budget	Percentage of Budget covered with state funds
2008-09	1,109,866	\$3,633,535	30.55%
2009-10	951,531	\$3,603,634	26.40%
2010-11	951,533	\$3,603,634	26.40%
2011-12	1,109,873	\$3,603,634	30.80%
2012-13	1,116,844	\$3,658,794	30.52%
2013-14	1,116,844	\$3,711,407	30.09%
2014-15	1,116,844	\$3,753,775	29.75%
2015-16	1,115,561	\$3,805,201	29.32%
2016-17	1,092,027	\$3,818,148	28.60%
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>950,624</b>	<b>\$3,818,148</b>	<b>24.90%</b>
2018-19	1,003,971	\$3,818,148	26.29%

appropriated by the legislature

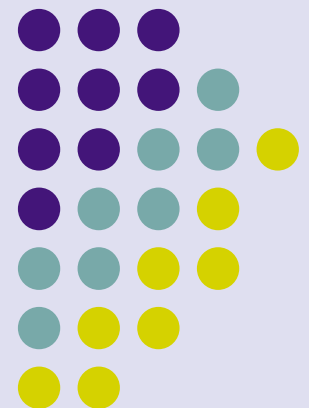
Note: in 2017-18, \$1,037,287 was appropriated by the legislature. The governor held back \$86,663

In 2009-10 and 2010-11, the District received Stimulus funds to supplement ECS.

## Issue Number 2

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***Community Members wonder whether Woodstock Academy should remain the primary high school choice for Eastford students.***



# Woodstock Academy



- Most Eastford students have been attending Woodstock Academy since the 1930s.
- Eastford has representation on the Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees (one elected official and others as alumni)
- The Eastford Board of Education pays tuition for each Eastford student who attends Woodstock Academy.

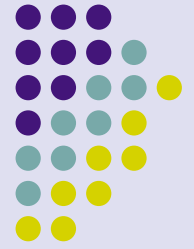


# Woodstock Academy

## Overall Stats - 2018-19 Profile

- 18 AP Courses; 227 students took 377 AP exams
- 60 AP Scholars, 3 National AP Scholars
- 24 College dual enrollment courses
- Mean SAT scores (99% participation)
  - Mathematics 535
  - Evidenced Based Reading and Writing 555

# Woodstock Academy Career Clusters/ Technology Education



## Facilities include:

- Makerspace (variety of tools for creating designing)
- SPIROL STEAM Center (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics)
- Engineering lab
- Camera Studio
- Recording Studio
- Animation/game programming lab,
- Culinary lab, bakery



# Woodstock Academy Recent Changes



- Acquired South Campus which provided specialized classroom spaces for the arts, PE, World Languages and others
- Boarding Students represent about 12% of the student body.
- Dedicated funds to Provide Late Buses to sending towns.



# Woodstock Academy

The Latest Academic Report to the Eastford Board (January 2018) showed the following about Eastford students

- 100% graduation rate
- Average SAT scores were higher than the state average and higher than WA average
- Two of top three students in class were from Eastford
- Eastford Valedictorians: 2018, 2017.  
Salutatorians: 2017, 2006

# Parent Concerns Brought to Eastford Board of Education about Woodstock Academy



- Not governed by an elected municipal Board
- Independent school accreditation
- Past discussion about joining independent schools athletic league

# Woodstock Academy Tuition



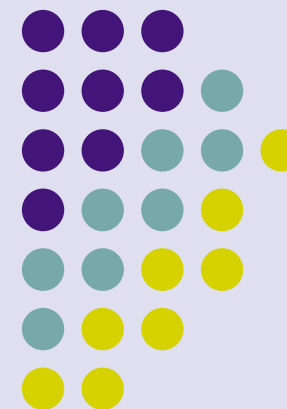
	Woodstock Academy tuition	Increase or Decrease	Eastford Enrollment at WA	Total Tuition Eastford paid to WA	Increase or Decrease	Total Eastford budget	Percentage of Budget represented by WA tuition
2008-2009	\$10,277		96	\$986,592		\$3,467,468	28%
2018-2019	\$13,892	35%	46*	\$639,032	-35%	<b>\$3,818,151</b>	17%

\*2017-18 enrollment

# Eastford Elementary School



# Woodstock Academy

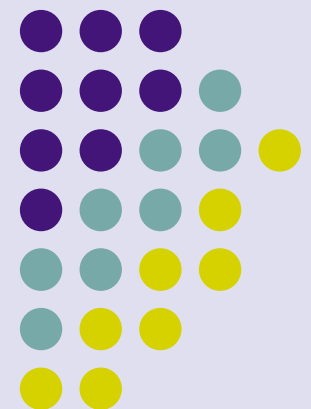


# OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

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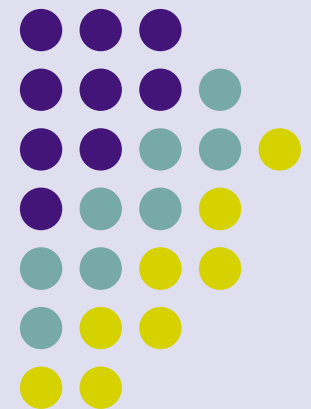
## Small Group Agenda

- General Discussion
- Choices
- Common Ground
- Areas of Disagreement
- Questions and Concerns
- Next Steps



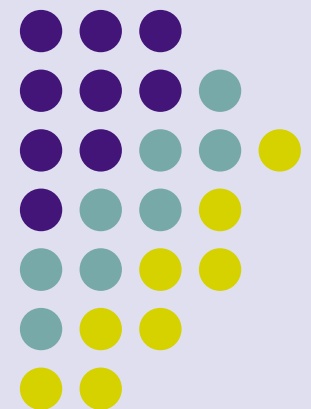
## Approach 1:

The economies of scale for running the elementary school are of concern. Eastford should explore partnering with another district in the future.



## Approach 2:

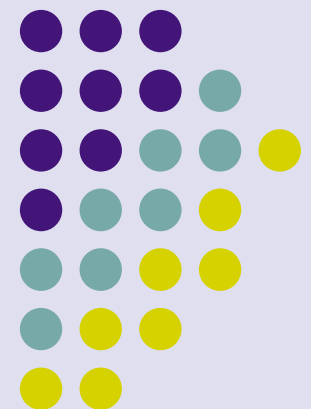
Maintain the elementary school for Eastford students. Expand options for managing costs.





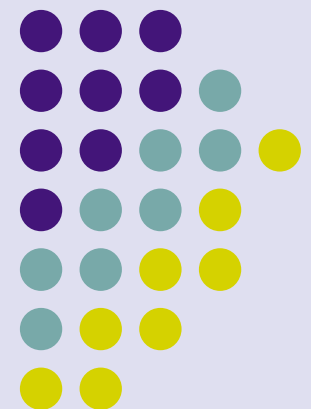
## Approach 3:

Maintain Woodstock Academy as the primary designated high school.



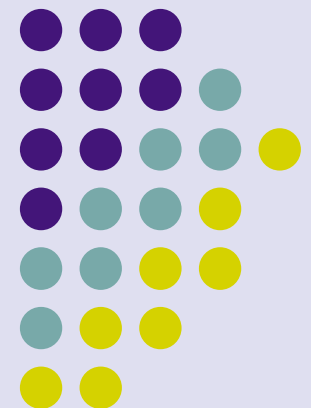
## Approach 4:

Expand or replace the designated high school(s) to which Eastford pays tuition and transports students.



# Approach 5 or 6 Other Options

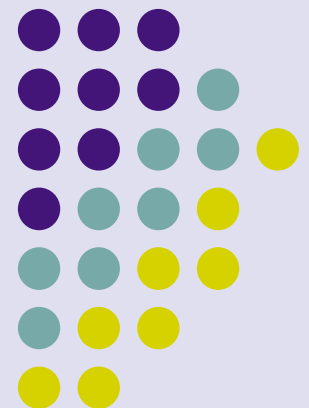
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# Eastford Elementary School: What to do?

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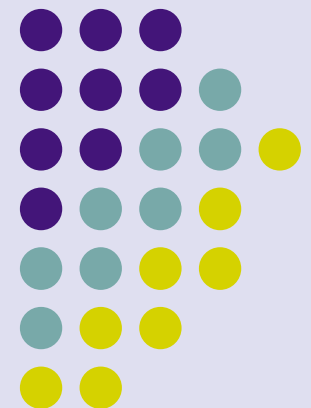
We are here to  
consider choices for  
the students of  
Eastford.



# Thank you

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## Thank you for participating!



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