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To: Town Officials, Commission and Committee Chairs, and Department Heads Seeking Funding from the Town of Eastford
From: Deb Richards, First Selectman
Subject: Budget Requests for FY 2025-2026

October 1, 2024

It is time to prepare your budget requests for the FY 2025-2026 on the attached form. Please have the forms completed and submitted to the Board of Selectmen's Office by the close of business on January 16, 2025.

Please review the 10-Year Capital Plan and submit any additions or subtractions. If you identify more than one capital need, please prioritize your list, define, and justify your need, list available specifications, estimate cost, and indicate anticipated sources for funding. Please anticipate ALL capital needs. Except in an emergency, all projects should be included in your 10-year plan. The Town needs to plan for large projects to ensure we have the funds if necessary, and this is done through the 10-year plan. The annual LoCIP/10-Year Plan meeting will be in early February – date to be determined.

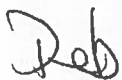
For those with internal budgeting, such as the Eastford Independent Fire Company, No. 1 Inc., and the Crystal Pond Park Commission, your submission should include a comprehensive internal budget including revenue sources (donations and grants) and necessary expenses to support your request. I am requesting a detailed line-item budget that supports the money you are asking from the Town.

The Board of Selectmen will review all budget requests and contact you with any questions. I anticipate the Town Budget Hearing will be held in late April 2025, and then brought to the Town for a vote.

As you begin the budget process be mindful of all the traditional factors which impact our Town Government, the Federal economic factors, the State Budget, the reduction in available money for Towns, the Grand list, revaluation, and inflation. These are all factors that strongly influence our local budget.

Remember – we are all part of one entity, are supported by the taxpayers, and must work together to meet the needs of our community through fiscal prudence and civic responsibility.

Thank you for working as a team.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted.

Deb Richards
First Selectman
Town of Eastford

cc: Selectman Ellsworth and Selectman Torcellini



October 4, 2024

Dear Eastford Bus One Parents,

I am writing to address an event that occurred on October 3, 2024, involving Eastford Bus One, which serves students from Eastford Elementary School. Unfortunately, there were significant delays in transporting students home at the end of the school day.

Yesterday, Eastford Bus One was being operated by a substitute driver. As a result of this change, some students arrived home nearly 45 minutes later than the usual drop off time. We deeply regret that this delay was not communicated to our Transportation dispatch or to you, the parents, leaving many of you understandably worried and inconvenienced.

At EASTCONN Transportation, the safety and well-being of our students are our highest priorities. As a result of this event, we are taking immediate steps to prevent similar occurrences in the future:

- Our supervisors will conduct meetings with all CDL drivers to review and reinforce proper and timely communication procedures.
- We will enhance our communication practices with substitute drivers to ensure they are fully informed and prepared for their routes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our Transportation Department. We appreciate your understanding and continued feedback as we work to improve our services.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Bush
Transportation Director
EASTCONN

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PARISH HILL HIGH SCHOOL





Private School Atmosphere
Public School Experience



- The Public High School where “Everybody knows your name”
- Small Class Sizes
- Safe Environment
- Dedicated Teachers
- High Graduation Rates
- Family and Community Engagement
- Rigorous, Comprehensive Core Curriculum
- Individualized Attention for Every Student
- Exciting Extracurricular and Athletic Opportunities





STRONG ACADEMICS



- **Thirteen Advanced Placement Courses:** Biology, Environmental Science, Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A, U.S. History, Statistics, Calculus AB, English Literature, English Language, Spanish Language, Art: Drawing, 2- and 3-Dimensional Design
- **Variety of academic elective offerings, including;** Forensic Science, Military History, Computer Science, Anatomy, Philosophy, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, and opportunities for electives through Fuel-Education online learning platform such as Early Childhood Education, Criminology, Legal Studies, Sports Management, Veterinary Science, AP Economics, Psychology and a variety of World Languages
- **UCONN Early College Experience in Spanish**
- **AP/Honors Level Courses open to all students**
- **College Partnership Agreements with Eastern CT State University and the CT Community Colleges**
- **Senior Capstone Mastery Based Learning Project — One Credit Graduation Requirement**
- **Fully Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in 2016 with 56 Commendations**
- **Spanish offered through AP Level (Chinese, French, German, and Latin offered through nationally renowned Middlebury College online learning)**



2024 SAT RESULTS



| School | English | Math | Total |
|-----------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| RHAM | 536 | 525 | 1061 |
| E.O. Smith | 539 | 510 | 1049 |
| Coventry | 530 | 506 | 1036 |
| Parish Hill | 534 | 492 | 1026 |
| Woodstock | 518 | 484 | 1002 |
| Lebanon | 505 | 462 | 967 |
| CT State Ave | 491 | 471 | 962 |
| EastConn | 496 | 436 | 932 |
| Killingly | 481 | 441 | 922 |
| Griswold | 469 | 447 | 916 |
| Plainfield | 480 | 434 | 914 |
| Tourtellotte | 473 | 435 | 908 |
| NFA | 467 | 440 | 907 |
| Putnam | 451 | 456 | 907 |
| CT Tech Schools | 431 | 414 | 845 |
| Windham | 419 | 390 | 809 |



US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT & NICHE.COM RANKINGS



All Rankings

- #3,093 in National Rankings
- #63 in Connecticut High Schools
- #17 in Worcester, MA Metro Area High Schools

Overview of Parish Hill High School

Parish Hill High School is ranked 63rd within Connecticut. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Parish Hill High School is 36%. The total minority enrollment is 13%, and 38% of students are economically disadvantaged. Parish Hill High School is the only high school in the Regional School District 11.

According to Niche.com:

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parish Hill High School ✓

#2 in Best Public High Schools in Windham County

B+ Overall Grade • Public • 7-12 • CHAPLIN, CT • ★★★★★ 52 reviews



Best Public High School Teachers in Windham County

#1 of 11



Best Public High Schools in Windham County

#2 of 11

Windham County



21ST CENTURY LEARNING



Outstanding Instrumental and Choral Music Program with several performance opportunities such as Concerts, Cabaret, Musicals, and Public Events

Technical Education with Award-winning Robotics

Program: Computer Assisted Drafting, Animation and Gaming, Graphic Design, Construction/Woodworking Video Communications with on-air TV News Broadcasts

Fine Arts: Drawing, Pottery, Stained Glass, Digital Photography and Media, and AP Studio Art. Sponsor of 20+ years of Parish Hill's famous Empty Bowl event raising over \$5,000 each year to benefit the Helping Hands Program and local food charities

Culinary Arts: Restaurant-quality kitchen with opportunity for students to earn CTDPH Serv-Safe Certification and opportunities for hands-on experience at numerous events throughout the year





CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



- National Honor Society
- Spanish Language Honor Society
- Video Game Club
- Bowling Club
- Diversity Club
- Yearbook Club
- GSA
- Student Gov
- Model UN
- Art Club
- Jazz Band
- Empty Bowls
- Cyber Start America
- Drama/Improv. Club
- Peer Mediation
- Peer Mentoring
- STEM Club
- Drone Club
- Video Game Club
- Ski/Snowboard Club
- Competitive E-Sports Team





PARENT INVOLVEMENT



- Vibrant Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
- PHACT – Parish Hill Action and Community Team
- PHACT/PTSA Awarded National PTA School of Excellence 3 Consecutive Terms
- Proud recipients of the 2020 & 2022 Connecticut PTA Middle and High School Teachers of the Year and the 2024 High School Teacher of the Year
- Proud recipients of the 2019 Connecticut PTA Superintendent of the Year, High School Teacher of the Year, Assistant Principal of the Year, High School Teacher of the Year, and Middle School Teacher of the Year.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CULTURAL LEARNING



- Quebec City, Costa Rica, Washington, D.C, Boston, Newport and European Trips (Croatia, France, Italy, Spain)
- Family and Community Events
- Empty Bowl Event to Fight Hunger
- Fall Craft Bazaar
- Spring Fling Fair
- Homecoming Weekend
- Trunk-or-Treat/Movie Night
- Walk for Autism
- STEM Family Night
- Digital Families Night
- Veteran's Day Luncheon
- Senior Citizen Breakfast
- Local Parades
- Tree-Lightings
- Special Olympics Participation and Volunteer Opportunities





ATHLETICS ON "THE HILL"



- Over 65% of student body participates in 14+ Athletic Programs: Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball, Rifle Team, Softball and Indoor & Outdoor Track & Field and competitive E-Sports Team
- Golf, Gymnastics, Swimming and Wrestling Co-ops with other schools
- All Pirate teams typically qualify for CIAC post-season tourney play
- Several students selected to All State Teams and Qualified for State Championships





EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY



- Youth Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative program trains students for high paying jobs after graduation
- Full CAD Lab with three 3D Printers and a state-of-the-art Laser Etcher
- 60+ additional course credits on Fuel-Ed online learning platform
- 1:1 Student Chromebook Program
- All staff utilize Google Classroom, Google Meet, KHAN Academy, IXL, NEWSELA, iReady and other online platforms
- Microsoft sponsored STEM Nights
- Apple Mac Music Lab
- All students have Google Accounts





POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION



Approximately 80% of Parish Hill Graduates attend Post-Secondary Education

Recent Graduates have attended:

- Bryant University
- Central Connecticut State University
- Champlain College
- Curry College
- Eastern Connecticut State University
- Johnson and Wales University
- Keene State University
- Manchester Community College
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- New England Institute of Technology
- Nichols College
- Northern VT University

- Plymouth State University
- Quinebaug Valley Community College
- Rhode Island College
- Roger Williams University
- Southern Connecticut State University
- Springfield College
- Three Rivers Community College
- University of Connecticut at Storrs & Avery Point
- University of Hartford
- University of Maine at Orono
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst & Lowell
- University of New England
- University of New Hampshire
- University of New Haven
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Saint Joseph
- University of Southern Maine
- Wesleyan University
- Western New England University
- Western CT State University

