NORTH STONINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Overall, The North Stonington Public Schools are busy, productive, and happy places. The relationships between our energetic youth and dedicated staff blend to create an awe-inspiring love of learning. It is just beautiful to witness! However, due to many factors, the needs of students have changed. Increased mental health and behavioral concerns are impacting student learning, for the students who are struggling, and for others around them. For numerous reasons, we cannot ignore what we know - our children have needs that we are not adequately addressing with our current level of staffing. Consequently, The Board of Education Budget for 2023-2024 includes resources which allow us to be more proactive in assisting our students and families. I encourage you to become familiar with the Board of Education budget. Please watch the presentation on our webpage or contact me for a conversation about the budget, which I believe you will find transparent, reasonable, and responsible. The budget adds a few support staff, including a social worker, a reinvigorated woodshop, and an alternative education program. We feel that these additions will meet the interests and needs of many students, and allow for savings in the future. Thank you for your interest in your schools! Strong schools lead to a strong town. We have both!

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