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Dear Colchester Residents,

We thank you for your continued support throughout this budget season. The Board of Education (BOE) is looking forward to this Tuesday's workshop with the Board of Finance (BOF). We anticipate it will be our last workshop. Please attend and support our community's schools in person. As a Board, we have brought forth as much information as possible in an effort to create trust and clarity about how this budget will affect scholastic programs.

The BOE is grateful for the creative suggestions from the BOF to reclassify some one-time expenses. Every BOE member is saddened to consider the possible budget reductions and program eliminations that were outlined at the last workshop. In particular, the elimination of World Language at WJ and a return to Colchester half-day Kindergarten would be steps backward for our community. Consider this when you attend Tuesday's workshop: Maintaining those two items in the budget would be less than .65 cents per week for the median homeowner.

Come to the meeting Tuesday at 5:30pm at Town Hall, and check out the calculations on the <u>website</u>.

Sincerely,

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