

BETHANY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT



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May 14, 2010

Greetings from the Bethany Board of Education!

We are writing today to remind you about the annual Town Meeting, which will be held next Monday, May 17, at 7:00 PM. The Meeting will be held in the gymnasium of the Town Hall, at 40 Peck Road.

At this Meeting, the Board of Finance will present their budget for next year, including for Bethany Community School, the Amity School District, and general Town operations. Town residents will then vote to accept or reject this budget, and on several other items of business, which are enumerated in a notice dated May 7, 2010 that was sent out by the Town to all residents.

The Bethany Community School budget being proposed is for \$6,276,791, which represents only a 0.8975% increase over last year. This is somewhat smaller than the 2.43% increase originally proposed, which was described in our letter of March 1. The further reductions come from some staff retirements and adjustments in anticipated benefits costs and state education payments; they do not represent any further reduction in teachers or school services. Details of the budget as originally proposed can be found on the Board of Education web page, at <http://www.bethany-ed.org/page.cfm?p=451>.

In addition, the Board of Finance is proposing \$20,000 for the replacement of smoke heads on the smoke detectors throughout the school. These smoke heads have reached the end of their expected lifetime and need to be replaced.

We hope to see many of you at the Town Meeting.

Christopher Pittenger
Laura Adair

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