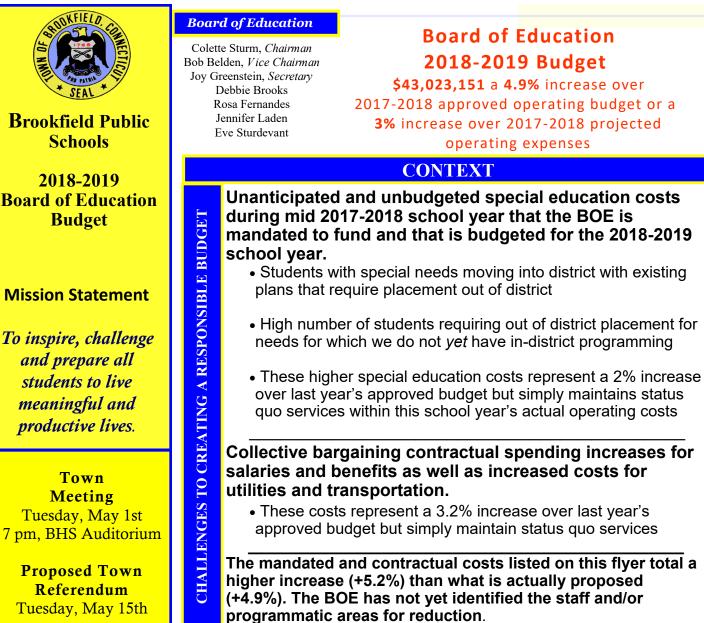
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Summary of Strategic Investments for the 2018-2019 Budget

We have to prepare the students for their future, not our past.

- 1 Full-time physical science teacher at BHS ٠
- 1 Full-time TSOL teacher to support increasing enrollment of English Language Learner students district-wide
- An Enrichment/Talented & Gifted study to support curriculum enrichment, a school-wide program, and our identified students
- Continue the investment in the professional learning of our teachers/administrators and curriculum development with the purpose of assuring consistent, rigorous and standards aligned learning experiences for our students
- Continue developing our technology infrastructure to increase digital capacity and enhancing instructional technology
- .5 FTE Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA) to serve increasing number of ٠ children with OT needs

** More details on reverse **

Only .2% of the proposed budget is for actual improvements. These investments are strategic towards our mission of excellence, and in consideration of stakeholders.



To inspire, challenge and prepare all students to live

meaningful and productive lives.

Meeting Tuesday, May 1st 7 pm, BHS Auditorium

Proposed Town Referendum Tuesday, May 15th

Strategic Investment Detail — Where We Are Going

Enhancement	Rationale and Aim
1 Physical Science Teacher at BHS	 Increase class offerings in the physical sciences
	 An initial step towards substantial Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) programming at the high school
	 Critical to leadership reorganization which eliminates the Math and Science Department Head positions while creating a STEM Department Leader position
	 Addresses incoming grade 9 class with high enrollment
	 Maintains adherence to established class size criteria
1 Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TSOL) Teacher for District	 Vital to help service the almost 100 English Language Learner (ELL) students district-wide
	 Currently, there is only 1 TSOL teacher to service all 100 students and enrollment trends indicate there is a need for additional TSOL teachers in the future
	 District has seen a 37% average annual increase in ELL enrollment
	• Hire a consultant to help the district plan for school-wide enrichment as well
Enrichment & Talented and Gifted Study	 as talented & gifted student identification and programming The district did have an enrichment program years ago but it was eliminated due to budget cuts
Professional Development & Curriculum Writing	 Provide on-going training for teachers to develop English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Social Studies, and Science curriculum aligned to CT Standards
	 Roll out new K-8 science program aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
	 Expand Bring Your Own Device and Chromebooks to Grade 8. Currently, BHS has such a program
	 Increase bandwidth capacity at all schools
Technology	 New district firewall for advanced security and web filtering
	Enhance BHS/WMS Digital Teacher Presentation Stations for classrooms
	 New network switches to power internet and wireless infrastructure
	 Continue to enhance overall technology capacity and comply with new data privacy legislation