

Landaff Parents and Residents:

There have been discussions and rumors circulating around town about the 2019-2020 School budget.

As many of you have read in the paper, and the Ledger, next Monday February 11th at 7:00 PM is the Landaff School budget hearing. The Landaff School Board is asking for your attendance and support at this meeting. This year the School Board is asking the Selectmen and the Town to raise over \$1,225,000 to cover School Budget expenses. This is up over \$225,000 from last year. (Approximate numbers, actuals will be provided at the meeting)

The School Board is asking for \$10,000 to be added to the Special Education Trust. Currently funded at approx. \$120,000. However, the Town will be expending up to half of this trust. The School Board is asking for \$10,000 to extend the hours of Pre-School from 8:00-12:00 to a full-time program of, 8:00-4:00. Obviously, the School Board understands this will be an article of contention, but as we will explain on Monday, the town could benefit very much monetarily due to the change in price structure that we are proposing. The Board also feels that the benefits of this program would greatly enhance the current choices parents have for Pre-School in the local area, because, although the Boys and Girls Club provides a service, we could provide an education.

The current budget is underfunded. The School Board intends to withdraw from the Special Education Trust to cover this deficit. Tax rate implications will be discussed at the hearing as well as general projections of the impact to both the June and December tax bills for this year.

Please attend if you can, the Board needs your voice to be heard at this budget hearing and the town meeting. If you have any questions, and I really mean any questions, please call me or another board member.

Very Respectfully,
Dale Locke

Chair, Landaff School Board
Vice Chair SAU 35 E-Board