

Dear Parents, Guardians and Simsbury School Staff:

Renovation projects over the past two decades have brought our high school and middle school up to the level that secondary students require in order to be successful in school and well prepared for future careers. Now it is time to meet the needs of our elementary schools. Latimer Lane Elementary School is bursting at the seams and in dire need of modernization. Built in 1962, no significant work has been done to the facility other than a three classroom addition in 1996.

In 2019, the Board of Education engaged Tecton Architects to analyze existing conditions at our schools, identify capital improvements and maintenance requirements, and provide a long range master plan for the community. After much public input, a Facilities Master Plan was developed which includes the renovation of Latimer Lane School as a Phase I project. As the population at the southern end of town continues to grow, the needs of the school have become more significant and need to be addressed.

Please visit our [It's Elementary...Time to Meet the Need](#) webpage for information about what the project entails, including a virtual walkthrough of the school. We expect that this project will come before voters at the May referendum.

On Tuesday evening, the Board of Education approved a revised 2021-22 budget with a 1.85% increase over the current budget. Additional savings were realized in the insurance and equipment line items, and through CARES Act grant funding. The Board of Finance will hold a public hearing on both the town and BOE capital projects and operating budgets on April 6th at 6:00 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting that is available on Comcast Channels 96, 1090, Frontier Channel 6071 and live streamed or on-demand at www.simsburytv.org.

As we move into the last quarter of this challenging school year, I would like to thank all members of our school community for your commitment to keeping schools in session with vigilance toward maintaining protocols and supporting each other. I appreciate your continued support and hope that soon we will find the effects of this pandemic in the rearview mirror.

Sincerely,

Matt Curtis
Superintendent of Schools