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Dear Brunswick School families, Staff, and Community members,

I am writing to update you on the fiscal year 2023 school budget. We are in the final stretch of the school budget process, and I want to provide a status update on our work as we finalize a budget for the 2022-2023 school year.

This budget reflects the work of staff at both the school level and district level and demonstrates a commitment to high standards for our students to meet the requirements set forth at the local, state, and federal levels. The district is determined to work within financial parameters that will provide equal opportunities for all of our students while recognizing the significant commitment made by local taxpayers to support the Brunswick School Department.

This past Wednesday, April 6, the Brunswick School Board voted unanimously of those members present to recommend a \$49,547,061 million FY23 school budget to the Town Council. The budget meets student needs while proposing an increase on the mil rate of 2.13%. On Wednesday, April 14, at 6:30 pm, I will present the School District Budget to the Brunswick Town Council, which sets the bottom line of the school budget.

The budget the Board is recommending is, in many ways, a direct result of transitioning from the COVID-19 pandemic to an era of educational reconfiguration and improvement. It reflects the reality facing Brunswick students, families, and staff as a result of the pandemic and is a down payment on balancing the needs of our students today to ensure their future is full of opportunities.

### **Budget Themes**



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By building the budget based on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, we are making a deliberate decision to provide the necessary investments needed to reduce opportunity gaps that existed even before the pandemic for students with special needs, economically disadvantaged students, students of color, English language learner (ELL) students, as well as all other students! In many ways we are moving from surviving to striving and this budget, in my view, begins the process.

To learn more details about the FY23 budget, please go to the [budget development page](#) on our website.

In these last couple of months of the FY23 budget process, I encourage everyone to stay involved and make your voices heard. I am hopeful that as we transition we are able to create the equitable school system we strive to achieve.

Sincerely,

Phillip J. Potenziano, Ed.D  
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