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Dear Parents, Staff and Concerned Citizens:

I appreciate having this opportunity to communicate with you once again to inform you about the district's budget building process for the upcoming school year. The process we follow is one that I have found to be most effective and efficient and has been refined and reviewed over the numerous years I've worked on this difficult and arduous task.

Following the Operating Budget Development Time Line, which is accessible online at http://www.avon.k12.ct.us/sites/avonctps/files/file/budget_calendar_2017_-_2018.pdf, the district began its structured process to develop the 2017-2018 operating budget in early September. Input was sought through numerous meetings with district leaders, administrators, Town officials, as well as the community at the Community Input session held on October 6th. Working collaboratively with the district leaders the actual process to build the budget commenced, using all the gathered input and information, a proposed budget was developed. I presented the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for the 2017-2018 school year at the November 15th Board of Education meeting.

Last night, the Board of Education held a Community Input session where the budget was once again presented and the community was given an opportunity to share their thoughts on the proposed budget. If you were unable to attend and have comments or questions regarding the budget, an email address has been set up for your communications: 20172018budget@avon.k12.ct.us.

The proposed operating budget can be found on our website, including additional budget information and responses to questions asked: http://www.avon.k12.ct.us/district/district/pages/budget. This website will be frequently updated as the budget process continues according to the Operating budget Development Time Line.

As stakeholders in our schools and town, I hope you find this information to be useful. I believe open communication is the key to understanding the Superintendent's 2017-2018 Proposed Budget and how it was developed.

I remain very truly yours,

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