

# TPS SUPERINTENDENT BULLETIN

Here for you 860-335-2455



## UPDATE FOR 11/20/2017

### JUMP TO SCHOOL UPDATES:

Please CLICK BELOW to get the DIGITAL BACKPACK information for the listed school:

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### BOE BUDGET WORKSHOP

**TONIGHT: 7:30 PM in the Tolland High School Library**

Tonight's meeting was originally about the 18-19 budget, however, we have a very serious budget situation unfolding at the state level that has a strong chance of impacting the 17-18 budget. Unfortunately, buried within the budget that was recently passed by the state were millions of dollars in budget "lapses" that the state leaders likely knew about but left to the Governor to remedy. The lapses are unspecified cuts that are included in budgets that assume that various line items will generate savings by the end of a budget year. Historically there have been some of these lapses (also referred to as "commission lapses") in prior budgets but nothing on the scale of what is being considered right now.

There has been some sentiment expressed that many of the state leaders were surprised that the Governor would make these 17-18 reductions part of municipal aid and ECS reductions. In addition, these "lapse" cuts are part of the current (17-18 ) state budget, they are not part of the potential future cuts needed to close a remaining 178 million dollar deficit. Bottom line, for Tolland, this could mean an *additional* reduction of about \$865k from ECS funding *this* year 17-18, in other words, right now. This is a serious problem for the Town and the school district. I encourage you to come tonight to hear an initial review and discussion of this situation.

**More information: CT Mirror**

<https://ctmirror.org/2017/11/17/malloy-dishes-out-legislatures-big-mandated-cuts/>

**Hartford Courant:**

[http://www.courant.com/politics/hc-pol-malloy-lapses-budget-cuts-20171117\\_story.html](http://www.courant.com/politics/hc-pol-malloy-lapses-budget-cuts-20171117_story.html)

**Stuff-A-Cruiser**

The Connecticut State Police “Stuff-A-Cruiser” Toy and Gift Collection will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Tolland Green, located at the intersection of Route 195 and Route 74. State Police from Troop C are challenging area residents to help them stuff their cruisers with new, unwrapped toys and gifts! We will also gladly accept gift cards and monetary donations. The toys and gifts collected will be distributed to less-fortunate children in the Towns serviced by Troop C. The Troopers, assisted by the Tolland Public Safety Explorer Post, will be in their cruisers on the Green to greet everyone dropping off gifts. Gifts will be given to children up to age 17 and there is a significant need for holiday gifts or gift cards for children and teens ages 8 to 14. Troop C serves the Towns of Ashford, Ellington, Mansfield, Somers, Stafford, Tolland, Union, Vernon and Willington.

From now until December 15th, gifts and monetary donations will also be accepted at the Troop C barracks on Route 74 in Tolland or at the Tolland Resident Trooper’s Office and the Tolland Human Services Office both located in the Hicks Memorial Municipal Building (Town Hall) at [21 Tolland Green](#) in Tolland. For additional information, call the Tolland Resident Trooper’s office at 860-875-8911; Troop C at 860-896-3200; or Tolland Youth Services at 860-871-3612 or 860-871-3648.

Read more: <http://www.tolland.org/node/45073>

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**Tolland High School Music Dept. to Present Madrigal Dinner**

Hear ye, hear ye, one and all. Come and be merry at Tolland Hall! Start the holiday season off right. Reserve your seats now for the annual Tolland High School Madrigal Dinner, to be held on Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tolland High School Cafeteria, One Eagle Hill, and Tolland. Dine on a 3-course chicken dinner (a vegetarian option is available) while enjoying music of the Renaissance performed by the THS Madrigal Singers, Women’s Chorus, Flute Trio, and Renaissance Brass Quintet. Tickets are \$20. To receive a ticket order form via email, please contact Linda Tracy, choral director, at [ltracy@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:ltracy@tolland.k12.ct.us) or call 860-870-6818 ext. 10034 to receive information through the mail. All ticket orders must be received by Nov 30. Reserved seating only. No tickets will be sold at the door.



**2017- 2018 SCHOOL YEAR ATHLETIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

**4:00 pm at Tolland High School**

January 9, 2018  
March 6, 2018  
June 5, 2018



**Wear your pajamas to school Friday, December 8th in support of patients at Connecticut Children's Medical Center!**

Students and staff of Tolland Public Schools are invited to wear their PJ's to school in honor of kids at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Thousands of children each year spend days, weeks or longer in PJ's at the hospital while receiving care. *PJ Day for the Kids* will help us show our support for these brave kids!

**Wear your pjs and make an optional donation of \$1 or more.**

Donations will be collected at school on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

For more information and to locate your team/school online to make a gift visit: [give.connecticutchildrens.org/pjday](http://give.connecticutchildrens.org/pjday)

Checks can be made to **Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation**.  
All proceeds benefit *The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Connecticut Children's Medical Center*.



For parents and community members interested in the Tolland Public School K-5 assessment standards, please see the: [Standards-Based Assessment Information Guide](#)

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## **BUDGET INFO ON THE WEB:**



[http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/board\\_of\\_education/budget](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/board_of_education/budget)



### **Upcoming Town Council and BOE Meetings**

- **TONIGHT – BOE Budget Workshop – Tolland High School Library – 7:30 PM**
- BOE – 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month – 7:30 PM (Typically in Council Chambers\*)
- Town Council- 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month – 7:30 PM (Typically in Council Chambers\*)

\*The “Council Chamber” is on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor (top) of the Hicks Building.

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#### **2017 – 2018 SUPERINTENDENT Budget Meetings**

<b>Superintendent/Board of Education Budget Workshops – 7:30 pm THS LIBRARY</b>
<b>November 20 - Tonight</b>
<u>UPCOMING:</u> December 20, 2017 January 17, 2018 January 31, 2018

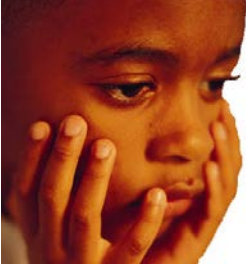

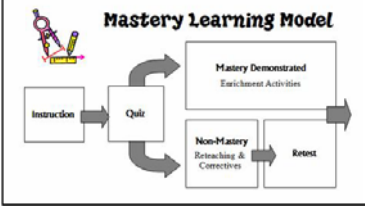
**HOW TO CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT:**



Please take a look at the link below for some of the best ways to get an answer, meeting, or something else:

[http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/DistrictOffices/superintendent\\_s\\_corner/superintendent\\_williams\\_page/contact\\_me/](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/DistrictOffices/superintendent_s_corner/superintendent_williams_page/contact_me/)

**COMMUNITY LEARNING WORKSHOPS**

Community Workshops	Information
<p>December 6, 2017 7:30 PM THS Library</p>	 <p>Childhood Anxiety Workshop Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Davis</p>
<p>February 6, 2018 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Tolland Public Library</p>	 <p>University of Connecticut Professor Panel @ Viewing of the movie <a href="#">13<sup>TH</sup></a></p>
<p>May 2, 2018 7:30 PM Tolland Public Library</p>	 <p>Mastery Learning Workshop Come find out what it is about, and how ML is being planned for Tolland.</p>

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**BREAKFAST WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**10:00 AM AT THE TOLLAND BOARD OF  
EDUCATION**

**51 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT**



December 4, 2017

February 5, 2018

March 5, 2018

April 2, 2018

May 7, 2018

June 4, 2018

**VOLUNTEERING**



We would love to have you come and volunteer at the Tolland Public Schools!

Thank you for all you do for the Tolland Public Schools. Please contact the Central Office with any questions. For those already volunteering, and those new to the game, the BOE will now do background checks every three school years. If you will be volunteering for the first time in the upcoming school year, please complete the [online form under Quick Links](#). After you have submitted your application, please call 860-870-6850 extension 1 to provide your social security number. You can check with the school secretaries to verify your status.

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**YOUR TOLLAND SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION:**

**CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:**



[www.facebook.com/tollandpublicschools](http://www.facebook.com/tollandpublicschools)

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**FOLLOW SUPERINTENDENT WILLETT ON TWITTER:**



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**LINKS AND OTHER ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

[Tolland Junior Women-Hat and Mitten Drive](#)

[TEPTO Fundraiser-Scrip](#)

[Friday, December 8 – PJ Day](#)

[Tolland High School Music Dept. to Present Madrigal Dinner](#)

[Scientists Start to Tease Out the Subtler Ways Racism Hurts Health](#)

<http://www.slj.com/2017/11/opinion/editorial/picking-pieces-opioids-editorial/>

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/why-sel-essential-for-students-weissberg-durlak-domitrovich-gullotta>