

# TPS SUPERINTENDENT BULLETIN

Here for you 860-335-2455



## **UPDATE 2 FOR SUMMER – 8/11/2017**

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### **BUDGET and BEGINNING OF SCHOOL UPDATE**

The State of Connecticut has not yet passed a budget. As a result, the Town Council and Board of Education are working to find the best way forward. The reductions for Tolland's education system in terms of State "Educational Cost Sharing" or "ECS" funding could be as extreme as 8.2 million (out of about 10.7 million). Other scenarios explored by the Town Council involved a 3-million-dollar reduction below the FY16-17 budget level for the Board of Education (3.7-million-dollar reduction to the Town overall).

The current Revised Budget Plan provided by the Town Manager on August 2, 2017 recommends some use of the fund balance, and Board of Education funds among other reductions, that makes the reduction to the Board of Education budget about \$993,340 below the FY16-17 BOE budget.

Total reductions proposed at this time represent \$1,835,352 from the Board of Education Adopted budget on February 8, 2017. In the Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> the BOE synthesized and forwarded to the Town Manager and Town Council

a one-page document recommending some changes to the Town Manager's Revised Budget Plan of August 2, 2017.

The district has currently "reduced in force" (laid off, eliminated positions, not rehired, etc.) 13 positions with potentially more necessary. Depending on the decisions in the next few days and weeks additional administration and/or teacher positions could be eliminated to reach budget requirements. The district has also eliminated many non-personnel items.

If the proposed referendum in the Town Manager's Revised Budget Plan of 8-2-2017 does not pass at referendum, and/or the BOE reduction becomes larger, the number of positions lost in the district could raise to 30 or 40 or higher. Such reductions would mean the elimination of any district funding of Interscholastic Athletics, Middle School World Language, class sizes larger than has been seen in decades, counselor loads increased significantly, gravely impacted supports for struggling students in general education (SRBI/RTI), elimination of administrators beyond the Director of Curriculum such as Assistant Principals at BGP and possibly TIS, and more. It would change the face of education in Tolland.

Please see the following links to view the 1) Town Manger's Revised Budget Proposal and 2) the Board of Education recommended changes to that Proposal.

- [Town Manager's Revised Budget Proposal – August 2, 2017](#)
- [Board of Education Recommended Changes to the Revised Budget Proposal](#)

Please come to these important meetings, and let us know what you think:

Special Town Council Meeting - August 15, 2017 - 7:30 pm. Council Chambers

Board of Education Meeting - August 23, 2017 - 7:30 pm - Council Chambers

Other helpful Info:

TENTATIVE BUDGET DATES:

- August 19<sup>th</sup> – Annual Budget Presentation, THS Auditorium, 7:30PM
- August 30<sup>th</sup> – Budget Presentation, Senior Center, 12:30PM
- September 19<sup>th</sup> – Possible Town REFERENDUM date

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION**

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State Representative Sam Belsito 800-842-1423 or 860-240-8700 300 Capitol Ave., Hartford <a href="mailto:sam.belsito@housegop.ct.gov">sam.belsito@housegop.ct.gov</a>
<b>State Senator Tony Guglielmo</b> Legislative Office Building Room 3400 Hartford, CT 06106 Phone: 1-800-842-1421 <a href="mailto:anthony.guglielmo@cga.ct.gov">anthony.guglielmo@cga.ct.gov</a>
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**COME LEARN** about the new LEAP program at the Tolland Public Schools  
Wednesday, 6PM – 7PM, 51 Tolland Green (Board of Education Office)

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**GATHERING TO SHOW CONCERN**

There will be a gathering at this annual meeting of the state officials and superintendents.  
Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>- Francis T. Maloney High School – 121 Gravel Street, Meriden

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**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – AUGUST 30, 2017- FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**

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**2017- 2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**NEWS FROM BIRCH GROVE**

Birch Grove Primary School teacher supply lists can be found on Birch Grove's website under "Parents" tab and "Supply Lists"

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**NEWS FROM TOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

August 29 – Freshmen Orientation 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

***August 30– First Day of School***

September 4 – Labor Day – No School

September 5 - Student & Staff I.D.s 7:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

September 6 – 8 – Senior Portraits 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

September 8 – Welcome Back Dance 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

September 14 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Program 5:45 p.m. THS Library

September 14 – Open House – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

September 16 – Project Graduation Bottle Drive – Birch Grove

September 18 – Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

The main office is open 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will begin regular hours of 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. The Counseling office will be reopen on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**STUDENT SCHEDULES**

All students should receive their schedules in the mail no later than August 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received it by then, please let the school know.

**FRESHMEN ORIENTATION**

All incoming freshmen were mailed home an invitation to the orientation that will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. It will end with a BBQ. Students can be picked up at 12:15 p.m. If you have not yet RSVP'd to Sue Keane, please do so as soon as possible by emailing her at [skeane@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:skeane@tolland.k12.ct.us).

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

This is a full day of school. Students should report to their Advisory classroom to begin their day. Schedules will be mailed out before the start of school.

**STUDENT PARKING**

Students may drive to school on the first day. They will receive information on how to obtain a parking pass during their Advisory on the first day of school. They can apply for their parking pass on the second day of school.

**STUDENT AND STAFF I.D.s**

Underclassmen yearbook photos, along with student IDs, will be taken on Tuesday, September 5th. Seniors who were NOT photographed over the summer have only a few more opportunities to have their senior portrait taken for the yearbook. The photographer will be in the auditorium from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on September 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> and then again on October 18<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>. Seniors should have received a notice with the date and time of the portrait session. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to Sue Fontaine at [sfontaine@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:sfontaine@tolland.k12.ct.us).

### **OPEN HOUSE**

Our first Parent Open House for the 2017-2018 school year is scheduled for **Thursday, September 14, 2017** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On that evening, we run an abbreviated schedule of your child's classes from 7:00 p.m. to 7:55 p.m. At Parent Open House, you will have an opportunity to meet each of your child's teachers, gain an understanding of the curricula, and hear the teachers' expectations. Since the event is usually well attended, we encourage parents/guardians to arrive early. Student volunteers from both our Student Council and National Honor Society will be available at 6:15 p.m. in the cafeteria to distribute students' schedules. In the auditorium at 6:30 p.m., there will be a brief presentation regarding important information about Tolland High School. Representatives from the Tolland High School Booster Club and Project Graduation will be present for both sign-ups and questions.

### **BOOSTER CLUB**

The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the THS main office conference room. Please join us and learn more about the exciting events planned for the year. If you have any questions, ideas, or comments, please contact Co-Presidents Diane Clokey at [dbclokey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbclokey@sbcglobal.net) or Jenn Dineen at [jneccidineen@yahoo.com](mailto:jneccidineen@yahoo.com).

### **TOLLAND PROJECT GRADUATION**

Tolland Project Graduation Bottle/Clothing Drive will be held **September 16<sup>th</sup>**, accepting items from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop-offs can be made at Birch Grove Primary at 147 Rhodes Rd in Tolland. Community service hours are available for students and help from adults is appreciated 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., give an hour, two, or more. Thank you for your continued support of Tolland Project Graduation! Please email [tpg.bottledrive@gmail.com](mailto:tpg.bottledrive@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

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## **NEWS FROM TOLLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

*August 30– First Day of School*

September 4 – Labor Day – No School

September 7 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

September 12 – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House– 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

October 19 – Lifetouch Picture Day

### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

The main office is open 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### **SUMMER READING AND SUPPLY LISTS**

Are available on the main page of our website

**BIRCH GROVE MEET AND GREET 2017-2018**

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

Preschool AM- 9:00-10:00  
Preschool PM-10:00-11:00  
Kindergarten- 8:30-9:30  
Grade 2- 9:30-10:30  
Grade 1- 10:30-11:30

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**TOLLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL MEET AND GREET**

Our annual Meet and Greet Open House provides an opportunity for children to meet their teacher and see their new classroom. Meet and Greet will be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at the following times:

Grade 3 - 12:00-1:00  
Grade 4 - 1:00-2:00  
Grade 5 - 2:00-3:00

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**TOLLAND INTERMEDIATE BUILDING CLOSED DURING CONSTRUCTION**

Due to summer construction projects, the building will be closed to the general public until approximately on August 15. Registration information for incoming students is available at the Board of Education Office.

While construction is in process, the office may be reached by phone between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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**FROM THE BUS COMPANY**

There will be a bus representative at the Meet and Greet for Birch Grove Primary School and Tolland Intermediate school to help with questions and concerns.

Please note that bus routes will be changing this year so please check the bus lists when they come out in late August.

For any bus questions, please contact the bus company at 860-875-6378.

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## Positions Available

### Events Coordinator

#### Need something to do part-time! Great opportunity, flexible schedule.

DATE: July 2017- June 2018

SCHOOL: District Events

Pay \$7,500.00 per year stipend

CONTACT: Suzanne Waterhouse Via email at swaterhouse@tolland.k12.ct.us

Position Description:

Responsibility for organizing and ensuring the physical space is set up as requested by the presenter (contact with custodians, confirmation with individuals tasked with the preparation of the space)

Responsible for setting up and break down of the technology and audio-visual needs of the presenter

Utilize and maintain the AV Tech Equipment Case (A-TEC)

Work with Human Resources to maintain and manage people that can work hourly for A/V event needs

Qualifications: Knowledge and experience using audio visual equipment such as projectors and sound systems. Flexible schedule to attend events at various afterschool afternoon, daytime while school is not in session night and weekend hours.

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#### 2017 – 2018 SUPERINTENDENT MEETINGS

Superintendent/Board of Education Budget Workshops – 7:30 pm THS	Superintendent Community Workshops 7:30 pm – THS – Topics TBA
October 18, 2017	October 23, 2017
November 15, 2017	December 6, 2017
December 20, 2017	February 6, 2018
January 17, 2018	May 2, 2018
January 31, 2018	

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**2017 – 2018 BREAKFAST WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT  
10:00 AM AT THE TOLLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION**

October 2, 2017  
November 6, 2017  
December 4, 2017  
February 5, 2018  
March 5, 2018  
April 2, 2018  
May 7, 2018  
June 4, 2018

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

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

September 19, 2017  
November 7, 2017  
January 9, 2018  
March 6, 2018  
June 5, 2018

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**VOLUNTEERING**

The BOE will now do background checks every three 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.

Thank you for all you do for the Tolland Public Schools. Please contact the Central Office with any questions.

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**CURRICULUM NIGHT/OPEN HOUSE**

<b>Birch Grove – Curriculum Night – 6:30 pm</b>
Kindergarten – September 19, 2017
Grade 1 – September 28, 2017
Grade 2 – October 4, 2017

<b>Tolland Intermediate School – Curriculum Night – 6:30 pm</b>
Grade 3 – September 13, 2017
Grade 4 – September 27, 2017
Grade 5 – October 5, 2017

<b>Tolland Middle School – Open House – 6:30 pm</b>
Grade 6 – September 7, 2017
Grade 7 – September 12, 2017
Grade 8 – September 12, 2017

<b>Tolland High School – Open House – 6:30 pm</b>
September 14, 2017
February 8, 2018 (Snow Date – February 15, 2018)

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[Safety Data Sheet](#)