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Dear ETSD Families,

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.”
-- Helen Keller

Highlights this week: 2021-22 Budget; Thanks to our Township Leadership; How to Help with our Budget Challenges; Seating on Buses; Remote Learning Care Ending; and World Down Syndrome Day on March 21.

2021-22 Budget

The [Tentative 2021-22 Budget Presentation](#) from last evening's Board meeting linked here is located on our district website under the Business Office Budget and Finance webpage. The Board meeting was livestreamed and is viewable here [Special BOE Meeting 3/11 @ 7:00PM](#) on Youtube, as are all our meetings. The tentative budget approved last evening will be submitted to the County Office of Education later this month. Final budget approval takes place at our May 6 Board meeting. As explained through the presentation, our district must cut more money from our upcoming budget than ever before from a yearly budget.

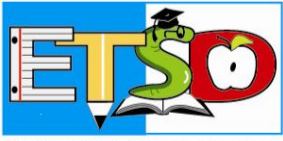
Thanks to our Township Leadership

Point of light! Deepest thanks to Mayor Veasy, Deputy Mayor Cooper, our whole Town Council, Township Manager Corrales, and others for our Township's great financial support to our district via a grant for next year to fund our School Resource Officers and the purchase of two properties owned by our district. Details are shared in the presentation and Board meeting links above.

How to Help with our Budget Challenges

Here are some steps anyone can take to help with our budget situation.

- Using our “time, talent, and treasure” to support the great work of our PTA/PTO organizations.
- Supporting the Evesham Education Foundation.
(<https://eveshameducationfoundation.org/>), a non-profit, non-political organization formed to enhance the academic experience for all ETSD students.
- Donating directly to our district via our three-tier [ETSD Donation Form](#).



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- Using our voices. All voices help--community voices even more than administrative (e.g. superintendents') voices.
 - Contacting state elected officials: [Sample Email to NJ Officials](#)
 - Receiving district webpage with links to NJ legislator contacts:
<https://www.lrhdsd.org/Page/10201>
 - Assemblywoman Stanfield and Assemblyman Peters are fighting for us.
 - [S2 Funding letter to Gov. Murphy from Assemblywoman Stanfield and Assemblyman Peters 3.11.21.pdf](#)
 - [Pause School Funding Cuts Press Release from Assemblywoman Stanfield and Assemblyman Peters 3.11.21.pdf](#)
 - Lenape Region superintendents, I among them, whose districts' state funding is reduced by S-2, met with Assemblywoman Stanfield and Assemblyman Peters about this topic on Feb. 19, 2021.
 - Developing a Fair Funding Committee. Local example:
<https://www.facebook.com/FairFundingCH/>

Seating on Buses

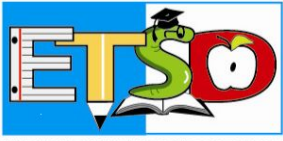
As more students come in for more days, we are using aisle seats when all window seats are occupied. This is done safely, with masks worn on board as has been the case all year, and with bus windows open to enhance air flow. The option for families to drive to school is always available.

ECC Remote Learning Care Ending

The last day that ECC Remote Learning Care will be offered is Wednesday, March 31. This small paid service, created as a support for students and families just for this year due to Cohorts A and B, is being phased out due to declining enrollment. *This is totally different and separate from our Full Remote Learning classes, our Cohort R, which is continuing all year.*

World Down Syndrome Day on March 21

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) on March 21 has been recognized around the world since 2012 as a means of raising awareness about the disorder. This wonderful day of awareness celebrates the lives of people with Down Syndrome and the roles they play in our communities. In honor of the day, people around the world are sharing photos and videos of their mismatched socks. Down Syndrome Awareness Day is celebrated on March 21 because the date (3/21)



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symbolizes the 3 copies of the 21st chromosome, the genetic anomaly which leads to Down Syndrome. Typically, the nucleus of each cell contains 23 pairs of chromosomes, but an extra copy

of the 21st chromosome occurs in people with Down Syndrome. Wearing mismatched socks on Down Syndrome Awareness Day is symbolic of the chromosomes themselves, which are shaped similarly to socks. The Evesham Veterans and Disability Advisory Board is celebrating Down Syndrome Awareness Day by posting information about Down Syndrome on the Evesham Township Facebook page. The Board is encouraging individuals, families, friends, community groups, and businesses to post pictures of themselves wearing mismatched socks on Facebook or Instagram with #DownSyndromeAwareness and #EveshamSupportsDownSyndromeDay. What a great opportunity to recognize our neighbors, friends, and loved ones with Down Syndrome here in Evesham and beyond!

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith
Superintendent of Schools