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Dear Chairman Zagrodzky and Members of the Board of Finance:

On behalf of the Darien Board of Education, I am pleased to submit the Darien Board of Education Approved 2021-2022 Operating Budget for your review. The budget reflects a request of \$106,624,199 and a Capital Budget request of \$2,312,921. The FY22 Budget was approved by the Board of Education on February 9, 2021.

The Operating Budget request represents a \$4,127,821 or 4.03% increase over the FY21 Board of Education approved budget. After thoughtful discourse and deliberation, the Board of Education's Operating Budget reflects an increase of \$36,810 over the Superintendent's Recommended Budget. This budget supports all students and moves the District forward while being mindful of the Darien taxpayers.

Thank you for your partnership during these unprecedented times. We look forward to reviewing the operating and capital budgets with the Board of Finance at your March 2nd meeting.

Sincerely,

David P. Dineen

Chairperson of the Board of Education