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## District Advancement Plan: 2023-2024 Budget and Mental Health Grant

Last Thursday, the Board of Education adopted their proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year. This year the Board of Education and Administrative Team built the budget collaboratively in six budget development meetings. **The budget represents needed funding to support our over 15% growth in student enrollment over the past three years.** You can see a summary of the budget in our <u>budget flyer her</u>e. Please find more information in our <u>budget presentation here</u>. You can also watch a <u>recording of the presentation here</u>.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) recently awarded 20 school districts with a highly competitive <u>Mental Health grant</u>. Out of 92 applicants, Hebron was fortunate to be awarded the highest allocation of funds statewide! **As a district, we are excited to welcome an additional 1.4 school psychologists to our current team.** This would result in the equivalent of two full time school psychologists at each school building, in addition to our existing school social workers/counselors and school deans. We look forward to these new members joining our great team to better support our students!

## Spotlight On: 100th Day Celebrations and Kindness Week

Hebron Public Schools recently celebrated the 100th day of school. Gilead Hill 1st graders decorated shirts and enjoyed a parade around the school showing off their hard work. Both schools also celebrated Kindness Week with ideas created by the school student councils. Some of the things they did to show kindness were donating food to the local food pantry, wearing clothes with kind messages, and making Kindness Snowflakes for teachers.

