

AES has a **\$900,000+** Cash hoard SEE OTHER SIDE for DETAILS

Andover already has the highest Per Pupil expenditure

PER PUPIL EXPENDITURE

JANUARY 2025

→	ANDOVER	\$23,439	←
	HEBRON	\$22,463	
	BOLTON	\$22,400	
	COLUMBIA	\$22,054	
	MARLBOROUGH	\$21,765	

If this isn't bad enough,
this budget increase
will cost us another **\$2K**
per student!

But don't worry, the school board is on this right?

The school board chair, Caitlin Greenhouse, doesn't know where the money comes from.
In a public meeting she said **"unless the town is going to start paying our bills"** we have no say.

Where do you think the money comes from Caitlin?

- The Board of Education **rubber-stamped** Valerie's budget **without cutting a penny!**
- The Board of Education ignores their fiscal responsibility while cowering in fear of a superintendent that rules their kids' lives.
- They used the school's parent teacher communication system (that you pay for) to pack the Town Meeting with parents to advocate for their own budget, **breaking state law**.
- Then they took it a step further by having one of their own board members on the school pick-up line handing out Flyers in **violation of their own BOE policy!**

Is the Finance Board Chair Still advocating for his wife's bestie?

The Board of Finance chair admitted to a conflict of interest and sat out votes.
Now he's running interference for the school budget, ignoring the town attorney's opinion and telling his board they couldn't make a cut, even though it had been done before in 2021!

Where Is Your TAX Money Really Going?

BOE hired lawyers and sued the town spending approximately **\$35,000** to **fight** the building of the **Senior/Community Center!**

Now they're back at it again wasting a projected **\$10,000** on lawyers to fight the towns oversight of the solar project.

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When Is Enough ... Enough?

- The school's asking for a **9%** increase while sitting on almost **\$1,000,000**
- Between just the non-lapsing and capital accounts, the school has **stashed over \$900,000**.
- Last year the BOE had a **\$450K surplus**, they asked for an additional \$113,000 - a 2.7% increase, **BUT hid** the surplus.
- It turns out the 2023-24 budget was a **14% increase** that we **unknowingly** voted for thanks to their shenanigans.

AES's new budget is 24% more than last year's actual expenditures!

That's a 24% increase in TWO years!

The Pre-K makes up 25% of the AES student population.

1/3 of those kids are not even from town.

And YOU are paying for them!

This is where it gets sticky. Valerie refuses to release actual numbers for Pre-K revenue & expenses. But she wants you to believe her when she says the Pre-K is "self-sustaining".

- The back-of-the-napkin calculations say that's impossible. According to the State of Connecticut, they've had less than \$180K in Pre-K grants in each of the last two years. Are we dumb enough to believe that the grants and the meager tuition collected is enough to cover salaries **and benefits** for 4 teachers and 4 paras?
- How about the shared administration costs, the supply closet, the curriculum cost, the cleaning of the classrooms, the lights, and the heating & cooling? None of that is free.

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