

BUDGET PLANNING

The priority in the development of an annual budget will be the educational welfare of the children in our schools. Keeping this in mind, the District will maximize each and every resource available in addressing the needs of the learning community and the interest of the community's taxpayers.

Budget decisions reflect the mission and vision of the District. Therefore, a sound budget development process must be established to ensure that the annual operating budget accurately reflects this school district's goals and objectives to fulfill the mission and vision.

In the budget planning process for the school district, the School Committee will strive to:

1. Engage in thorough advance planning, with staff and community involvement, in order to develop budgets and guide expenditures in a manner that will achieve the greatest educational returns and contributions to the educational program in relation to dollars expended.
2. Establish levels of funding that will provide high quality education for all of our students.
3. Use the best available techniques for budget development and management.

The Superintendent will have overall responsibility for budget preparation, including the construction of, and adherence to, a budget calendar.

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