



NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Pursuit of Excellence"

North Reading School Committee Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Goals

1. Contribute to the implementation of the strategic plan for the school district: "NRPS 2021"
2. Advocate for funding to support the buildings and grounds maintenance needs at all schools
 - Support the funding to hire key operational positions including a Facilities Engineer, Maintenance Mechanic, and Floater Custodian
3. Continue to expand community awareness of the budget process through the use of multimedia;
4. Update the five-year Capital Improvement Plan for school vehicles, facilities and technology;
5. Support the process to negotiate a new contract with the district's Transportation provider;
6. Successfully negotiate collective bargaining agreements with employee unions due to expire in Fiscal Year 2020 or June 30, 2020;
7. Explore options for the reduction of fees and tuitions assessed (e. g., athletics, kindergarten, transportation, fine arts and all educational programs) as a long-term budget goal;
8. Explore opportunities to reduce expenses associated with energy (solar power, LED lighting);
9. Continue efforts to garner support from state and local officials to achieve the funding needed to uphold the Mission and Vision of the school district; explore specific financial awards to the school district through the assistance of the state legislature delegation;
10. Approve a Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) budget that adequately meets district requirements for optimum student achievement;
11. Continue to collaborate with representatives of the Select Board, Finance Committee, the Town Administrator, and the town's Director of Finance.