

## NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Pursuit of Excellence"

## North Reading School Committee Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Goals REVISED

- 1. Approve a Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) budget that reflects support of the district's strategic plan, NRPS 2025, and other strategic initiatives;
- 2. Continue to explore new opportunities to reduce expenses associated with energy costs (e.g. solar power, boiler upgrades, WWTP efficiencies, energy management modulation, etc.);
- 3. Continue to support the development of the plan to reduce the Kindergarten fees leading toward the eventual goal of providing free Full Day Kindergarten and will explore the next steps to increase access to Universal Free Day Pre-K;
- 4. Continue to review the current structure of user fees for extra-curricular and athletic activities and its impact on families;
- 5. Develop strategies to preserve positions and supports that were implemented in part with ESSER funding while also continuing to move the district forward in alignment with NRPS 2025;
- 6. Continue to collaborate with representatives of the Select Board, Finance Committee, the Town Administrator, and the town's Director of Finance to discuss potential changes to the budget development calendar as a goal with having a revenue guideline budget amount earlier in the process.