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MEMORANDUM

TO: North Reading School Committee

FROM: Michael Connelly, Assistant Supt. of Finance & Operations

Patrick C. Daly, Superintendent

DATE: August 25, 2021

RE: FY 23 School Committee Budget Calendar & Budget Goals

Superintendent Daly and I have enclosed the recommended FY23 budget calendar and FY23 budget goals for your review.

We look forward to discussing the budget calendar and budget goals with you in greater detail during the August 30, 2021 School Committee meeting.

Thank you.



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North Reading School Committee Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Goals

- 1. Approve a Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) budget adequately meets district requirements for optimum student achievement in alignment with NRPS 2025;
- 2. Continue to explore opportunities to reduce operational costs including energy savings by pursuing (solar power, boiler upgrades, WWTP efficiencies, energy management modulation, etc.);
- 3. Continue to pursue a universal free full day kindergarten program through a phased in approach of a reduction of tuition fees and/or alternative state funding options that may be available;
- 4. Explore options for the reduction of all fees (e. g., athletics, transportation, fine arts and all educational programs) as a long-term budget goal;
- 5. Continue to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the budget development process and maximize all areas of available funding through both federal, state and local sources (ESSER II and III, Cares Act, FEMA, etc.);
- 6. Continue to collaborate with representatives of the Select Board, Finance Committee, the Town Administrator, and the town's Director of Finance.



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FY 2023 BUDGET TIMELINE

August 30, 2021	Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Calendar and Budget Goals presentation and vote
October 4, 2021	Large Capital Improvement Plan presentation to School Committee
October 18, 2021	School Committee vote on FY 23 Large Capital projects
October 15, 2020	Principals and Directors given budget request sheets
November 8, 2021	FY 22-24 Covid-19 Federal Funding Update
November 29, 2021	Five and Ten Year Enrollment projection presentation
December 2, 2021	Budget requests due to the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations
February 18, 2022	Release preliminary budget books to School Committee
March 7, 2022	Present preliminary budget to School Committee
March 25, 2022	Preliminary school budget webinar (12:00 p.m.)
April 6, 2022	FY 23 Budget Workshop # 1 (3:00 p.m.)
April 11, 2022	Public Hearing on FY 23 budget
April 27, 2022	FY 23 Budget Workshop # 2 (3:00 p.m. If necessary)
May 2, 2022	School Committee votes recommended budget
May 4, 2022	Present recommended budget to Finance Committee
May 9, 2022	Select board vote town meeting warrant
June 13, 2022 (TBD)	Town Meeting votes budget