

DB: ANNUAL BUDGET

The annual budget is the financial expression of the educational program of the school department, and it reflects the goals and objectives of the School Committee to meet the needs of all students.

The budget then is more than just a financial instrument and requires on the part of the Committee, the staff, and the community, an orderly and cooperative effort to ensure sound fiscal practices for achieving the educational goals and objectives of the school district. One School Committee member may be assigned as liaison with school administrators during the budget process, and scheduling of meetings will take into consideration the work schedule of the School Committee member.

The local budget and budgeting process shall conform to all existing state and local requirements as set forth by the state constitution, revised ordinances of the City of Brockton, MA, the State Board of Education and the Brockton School Committee.

Public school budgeting is regulated and controlled by legislation, state regulations, and local School Committee requirements. The operating budget for the school district will be prepared and presented in line with state policy and will be developed and refined in accordance with these same requirements.

The Superintendent will serve as budget officer but they may delegate portions of this responsibility to members of their staff, as they deem appropriate. The three general areas of responsibility for the Superintendent as budget officer will be budget preparation, budget presentation, and budget administration.

Source: MASC/BPS

Legal Refs.: M.G.L. [71:34](#); [71:37](#) and [71:38N](#)