

FY 2021 BUDGET: SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

Building/Program: Facilities and Transportation

What key issues and priorities are you trying to address in your proposed budget?
(Administrators identified the following four focus areas: maintain class sizes, equity among schools, increased student support, and increase bus fleet.)

We service over 2000 students within our schools and beautiful athletic facilities. Of the 2000+ students, our buses pick up and drop off 1400 to 1500 students per day on time and safely. This year we have added 3 buses into the budget to increase the size of the bus fleet in order to have buses available at any time they are needed including field trips, out of district sports activities and any other busing needs.

Also in this budget we have added funding for composting throughout the district.

A reserve account is being created to rebuild the existing tennis courts in approximately five years. The tennis courts will be repaired this summer to allow for a safer playing surface.

A late bus is being added to transport Freeport Middle School students to Pownal to ensure equitable access to after school activities and student support.

How do these priorities align with the district's four strategic objectives?

Proper care of our buildings are tied with strategic goal 4.1 *Ensure that all staff and students have quality facilities to meet their needs.*

The purchase of the three buses within this budget cycle is tied with goal 4.4: *Provide all students transportation that supports their participation in curricular and co-curricular programs.*

Staffing Adjustments to Budget in FY 20	Staffing Adjustments to Budget in FY 21
One half time van driver	No new staff requests at this time.

Other significant FY 21 requests in budget and need (Supplies, Equipment, etc.).

Within the operating budget, generators at the high school and central office have been added to ensure that we maintain our phone and internet systems so that effective communication is available in the event of an emergency or power outage.

At Morse Street School the nurse's office will be reconfigured to ensure needed patient privacy.

