

Marlborough Board of Education

2024-2025 Budget Highlights

The BOE Budget maintains a commitment to class sizes, programs, and services that are integral to the success of Marlborough Elementary School students.

- ♦ A responsible budget which contains the necessary investments in staffing, curriculum, instruction, professional development, and operations as outlined in the MES Strategic Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP) to run an outstanding, safe, and happy school to meet learners where they are and lead them to gains in the acquisition of fundamental knowledge and skills.

MES: Excellent Return on Investment

- * MES was one of very few schools to have its K-3 Reading Program approved by the state; a testament to our collective professional research and commitment to best practices for students.
 - * MES is now a **spotlight district** for foundational literacy programming with professional visitors from across the state learning from our model.
- * Exceeded state assessment index scores in the three tested areas—Literacy, Math, and Science in 2023.
- * Recognized as a State School of Distinction in Math and ranking 15th out of 182 schools on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) assessment in 2022.

FY25 Budget Facts

- 2.72% Operating Budget increase is one of the lowest in the state.
- The budget reflects contractual obligations and market factors related to salaries, utilities, transportation, heating oil, diesel fuel and gasoline, etc.
 - salaries, benefits and contractual obligations and benefits account for 93% of budget.
- Student enrollment is projected to be approximately 453 PreK - 6 students (25 classroom sections as in 2023-2024).
 - Number of classroom teachers/sections is based upon enrollment/class size guidelines and in consideration of student needs.
- Special education out-of-district placements is anticipated to be zero (reduced from one).
- We continue to be a part of the Region 8 Medical Insurance Consortium which helps to manage medical insurance costs over time but next year's increase is higher than it has been historically.

Budget Supports Strategic Investments

- Continue funding for SRO
- Retain and recruit highly-qualified and caring staff and provide relevant professional development
- Full implementation of our K-3 Literacy Program aligned to the Science of Reading
- Continue implementation of our Math Program with a focus on student growth
- Support for our robust Essential Arts Program , providing students with a well-rounded learning experience
- Continue to serve students with special needs in their home school and avoid costly out-of-district placements through necessary staffing and programs
- Support the social and emotional wellbeing of students
- Continue effective early intervention

BOE FY25 Budget Summary

Operating Budget: \$8,664,081

Capital Request: \$75,000

TOWN BUDGET HEARINGS April 15th & MAY 6th

MES Cafeteria, 7:00 PM

TOWN BUDGET REFERENDUM MAY 7th

MES Community Room, 6:00 AM-8:00 PM

Marlborough Board of Education

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