

BUDGET DEADLINES AND SCHEDULES

Preparation of the annual budget will be scheduled in stages throughout the school year with attention to certain deadlines established by law and charter.

The calendar year for budget preparation will be determined by calculating backwards from the final adoption date: the annual town meetings in May.

Whatever dates assigned, the final date for the submission of the budget to the Selectmen will be arranged cooperatively with the School Committee and finance committees of the member towns.

In reaching its decision on the budget amount that it will submit to the Selectmen, the School Committee will also observe the statutory requirement of holding a public hearing on the proposed budget not less than seven days after the notice for this hearing has been published in a local newspaper.

Established by law and charter

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LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:16B