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As a reminder, these are the School Committee fiscal year 2025 budget priorities.

**1. Maintain existing staff size and programs without reductions**

- Maintain foreign language staffing 5-12
- Restore 0.5 FTE librarian at each middle school
- Maintain average class size of 22 for Grades K-8
- Maintain co-curricular programs
- Retain kindergarten aides
- Add accounting/data specialist
- Explore full day pre-k programs
- Add new technologies to support learning
- Complete an “Operational Audit” of administrative/management service

**2. Continue to look for innovative ideas for cost savings without impact to programs**

- Explore in-district specialized transportation rather than contracted service model
- Explore outcomes from the capital plan architectural review of all school facilities
- Explore solar power options for all DCRSD schools

**3. Work with the communities of Dudley and Charlton to find recurring revenues to support annual sustainable budget increases for the District while providing support for prudent fiscal planning**

- Reduce annual usage of Excess and Deficiency support to \$500,000 per year, and increase contingency line item so that budget matches usage.
- Reduce reliance on School Choice by 20% (\$180,000)

Respectfully Submitted By:



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