

Scarborough Public Schools

FY26 Budget Proposal



School Board Public Hearing

April 17, 2025



Overview of the FY26 Proposed Budget

- First Reading of the FY26 School Budget proposal was passed by the School Board on March 20, 2025 ([meeting slide deck](#))
- Full Municipal Budget was presented to the Town Council and public on March 26, 2025, and passed in first reading by the Town Council on April 2, 2025

The School Budget proposal is being refined and updated as we move toward the Board's Second Reading and vote on May 1, 2025.



Overview of the FY26 Proposed Budget

Resources available on the School Department Budget page:

www.scarboroughschools.org/board/budget

Budget Book:

- Superintendent's introduction & Executive Summary
- District goals & budget priorities
- Budget data & cost drivers
- Reports from each school/phase and department
- Appendix with additional resources
- Line item budget detail



FY26 Proposed School Budget Summary

Leadership Council's FY26 Budget Proposal	FY25 Approved Budget	FY26 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
General Fund Operating Budget	65,828,078	70,784,764	4,956,686	7.53%
Adult Education Budget	214,129	232,967	18,838	8.80%
School Nutrition Budget	2,391,656	2,535,247	143,591	6.00%
Total Education Budget	68,433,863	73,552,978	5,119,115	7.48%
Non-Tax Revenues	12,302,921	13,576,003	1,273,082	10.35%
Tax Request	56,130,942	59,976,975	3,846,033	6.85%



Items in Motion

Responsive both to new information received and review by Town and School Finance Committees, we adjust our budget between first and second readings.

To date, items in motion include:

- Anthem premium rates received - increase of 10.714% vs. estimated 8% **adds \$219,000**
- Delta Dental increase will be +2.47%, budgeted for +5.5%, **saving \$8,100**
- Work Comp estimate **decreased by \$62,100** based on new MOD rating & MEMIC estimates
- Special Services - add 2.0 ed tech positions and 1 additional tuition slot for new students - **\$185,000**
- Pre-K grant funding from DOE has been reduced, leaving ~ \$70,000 unfunded.
 - Plan to create reserve fund with unused FY25 funds to cover shortfall.

All adjustments are presented to the Board for amendments at Second Reading.



Items in Motion - Pre-K Program

SCHOOL BOARD ACTION ITEM FOR APRIL 17, 2025

Motion to establish a new Pre-K Program Reserve Fund
in accordance with Title 20-A MRSA §1491

- Year-end transfer of unused local Pre-K funds budgeted in FY25 (~\$150,000)
- Local funds not expended due to availability of DOE grant after budget approval
- Plan to use fund as a revenue source for FY26 Pre-K, to replace lost grant revenue



Next Steps

School Board Public Hearing

- Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm

School Board Finance Committee Budget Review

- Monday, April 28, 5:00 pm

School Board Second Reading & Budget Vote

- Thursday, May 1, 7:00 pm

Town Council Second Reading & Budget Vote

- Wednesday, May 7, 7:00 pm

School Budget Referendum Vote

- June 10, 2025 at SHS, 7 am to 8 pm
- Early voting and absentee ballot information available here:
scarboroughmaine.org/departments/town-clerk/elections





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