

MARLBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FY27 Budget Development

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Board of Education shall prepare an annual operating budget for the school district consistent with provisions of state statutes and Board of Finance requirements governing preparation, timelines, and procedures for the approval of reductions to the educational budget.

Before developing and adopting a proposed budget, the board of education shall study school programs in relation to present and future needs and establish budget priorities for the fiscal year.

The Board of Education will aim to:

- Act in a fiscally responsible manner when making decisions
- Work cooperatively with the Board of Finance, Town Manager, and other Town entities in the budget process
- Seek alternate funding sources through grants and/or revenue
- Seek opportunities for shared services with the Town and Regional 8 Districts

The Board of Education Budget:

- Shall support students, programs, curricula, and professional development related to literacy, math, SEL, Specials and other priorities outlined in the Strategic Continuous Improvement Plan
- Will reflect contractual obligations and market factors related to salaries, utilities, transportation, heating oil, diesel fuel, gasoline, etc.
- Certified classroom staffing (number of classroom teachers) will be based upon enrollment/class size guidelines and in consideration of student needs