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Agenda

1. High School Updates
2. Budget Update
 - a. Priorities from Dec 10 Mtg Discussion (see pg 2)
 - b. [Additional Proposals](#)
3. Policy Discussion
 - a. [Waiver Policy Parameters](#)
 - b. [Competency Determination](#) - Clarify Overview and Brainstorm Responses to Questions Below
 - i. **OVERARCHING QUESTION**
How will competency determination be defined in Newburyport Public Schools?
 - ii. **GUIDING QUESTIONS**
What current performance measures currently exist in the “areas measured by the¹ MCAS high school tests?

How might the current performance measures be used to indicate competency determination?





Priorities from Dec 10 Mtg Discussion

To consider	To Prioritize
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invest time and resources into developing the fundamental aspects of learning and demonstrating through alternative assessments• Additional investment in supporting students during transition to high school• Incorporate more opportunities for the arts during the school day• Addressing media literacy more comprehensively• Intro class for parents and students for college and career center• Athletics equipment• Staff Curriculum: More Business Courses, More advanced courses in Business• New Elective Courses and Expansion of Languages• Facilities: EV Charging and maximizing parking• More alternative education paths and growing the program with different fields• More high level accessible course work such as the SNHU partnership• Expansion of the Arts program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff compensation to support retention and ongoing engagement• Alternative pathway programs for varied industries• Dual enrollment programs through colleges and credit programs.• Music program• Sustain strong Student support staff (counseling, adj counseling, psychologist)• Visual and performing arts programming