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Sean McGee	3/5/26	23:51	Can you clarify which projects on the needs list shared with the Board are critical needs versus preventative maintenance? In other words, if funding were available today, which items would you prioritize getting done right away? If it's all of the items you provided, that's fine, just let me know it's all of them.		Tennis Courts that have displaced student athletes this year \$2M, Chiller rebuild \$395,000, Chiller Replacement \$1.8M and MS Ballfields \$1.2M																																																																																																																																																																					
Sean McGee	3/5/26	23:51	Now that we're adding baseball and softball at Middle School. How is the division addressing the pay disparity between middle school and high school APs when it comes to staying after school to cover athletics? Middle school sports have grown quite a bit.		Middle School Assistant Athletic Directors already receive a \$3,500 stipend. Larger schools assign more than one Administrator to attend games so that the work division is even. There are only four sports at any given time running at MS level and currently the MS sports season is approximately 10 weeks long as compared to high school sports which are 12-14 weeks. Middle School sports are also only on Tuesday and Thursdays. The recommendation is to change this to \$5,000 or \$2500/semester. This will be funded by reducing Purchased Services -Attorney by \$7,500.																																																																																																																																																																					
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Sean McGee	3/5/26	23:51	I'm asking that six new Middle School Athletic Director positions be created and added in the budget at a cost of \$450,000 under operating funds. Can you provide an estimate of what those positions would cost?		The designated middle school assistant principal is in charge of athletics and has an assistant for the 10 week seasons. The recommendation from staff is to increase the stipend for \$2500 per semester instead of the previous \$1750. Competition at the middle school level is only on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a ten week time period. There are also five middle schools in Suffolk Public Schools. There are more prominent instructional and support needs than adding a middle school athletic director at each school.																																																																																																																																																																					
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kamijahmelton@yahoo.com		Why aren't our students able to take field trips anymore. We looked forward to trips to Washington DC and Jamestown. Why aren't these things added to the budget.	Please see page 36 of the Budget book. The division budgets \$100,000 for district approved field trips. This budget is to help offset the cost of these field trips. There is an annual communication to the schools outlining the approved field trips by grade and						
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