



FY26-27 BOE Tentative Approved Operating Budget

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FY26-27: What's Shaping the Budget

Special Education

Growth in student identification and provider costs is increasing total service demand overall. Maintains expansion of in-house specialized program offerings.

Early Childhood Education

Expanding full-day pre-K programs at Wolfpit and South Norwalk School using the SMART START Grant to address rising student needs. Local funding required.

Insurance Costs

The district now assumes responsibility for liability, auto, and property insurance formerly covered by the city. Funds employee health insurance.

Staff Pay

Budget reflects contractual salary increases.

South Norwalk School Staffing

Supports additional staff and resources as the school introduces a 4th grade this year.

Retirement Contributions

Reflects updated employer contribution rates for employees' 401(a) plans.

Contracted Services

Higher costs across key district vendors and services, including student transportation.

School Meals

Continued funding ensures all students maintain access to free school meals.

FY26-27 Budget Development- Reconciliation Gap

BOE Tentative Approved Budget		Mayor's Recommended Budget		Variance	City Council Preliminary Cap		Variance
FY26 Amended Budget	\$247,194,758	\$247,194,758		\$0	\$247,194,758		\$0
FY27 % Increase	6.5%	4.0%		-2.5%	4.9%		-1.6%
FY27 Increase Amount	\$15,954,033	\$9,887,790		(\$6,066,243)	\$12,128,141		(\$3,825,892)
FY27 Budget	\$263,148,791	\$257,082,548		(\$6,066,243)	\$259,322,899		(\$3,825,892)
		Budget Adjustments		851,789	Budget Adjustments		851,789
		Required Reductions		(\$6,918,032)	Required Reductions		(\$4,677,681)
		Reconciliation Plan			Reconciliation Plan		
		School Enrollment Rightsizing		(1,237,764)	School Enrollment Rightsizing		(1,237,764)
		Non School Budgets		(3,124,147)	Non School Budgets (100%)		(3,439,917)
		School Based Budgets		(2,556,121)	School Based Budgets (0%)		-
				<u>(6,918,032)</u>			<u>(4,677,681)</u>



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