



Norwell Public Schools



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Norwell School Committee

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April 28, 2026

Dear Neighbor,

The 2025-2026 school year has been difficult as the cuts from last year's budget have been fully realized. At the same time, the first year implementation of the strategic plan is well under way. The main highlights focus upon the district's full year focus on professional development on the Universal Design for learning, documenting and refining the Norwell Tiered Systems of Support for academics and social emotional support, and the continued work with the MSBA as the High School project has officially entered the Feasibility Study stage.

The Norwell School Committee's FY'27 budget request of \$34,733,925 includes a total increase of 4.00%. This request is a level service budget and does not restore positions that were lost last year due to the failed town operational override. The FY'27 budget addresses contractual obligations, curriculum adoptions, and increased costs due to new gas contracts, and maintenance needs. Due to required special education needs within the Pre-K level, an additional special education aide will be hired to address student Individual Education Plans. At the same time, the Instructional Systems Assistant and Central Office Coordinator position will be removed from the budget going forward.

Please join us at the May 4, 2026 Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Gymnasium.

For more detailed information regarding the Norwell School Committee's FY' 27 budget, please see the [May 4, 2026 Town Meeting Information Guide and 2025-2026 Annual School Report](#) and the FY'27 School Committee Budget Presentation on March 30, 2026. A copy of the Guide and Annual Report can be obtained at Norwell Public Schools' Central Office in the Sparrell Building at 322 Main Street.

Here are a few highlights regarding the FY'27 budget:

- There are four Capital requests:
 - Exterior site engineering study (NMS)
 - HVAC Controls upgrade (Cole/Vinal)
 - Town/School building assessment

- There are two Articles requests:
 - Technology Cycle
 - CRG - Mapping of buildings for EMS

- There is one CPC request:
 - Clipper Community Complex restroom project

Please refer to the [Town Meeting Information Guide](#) online for complete details.

We truly appreciate the ongoing support of the community in the education of the students of Norwell. The partnership and support of the community has been, and will continue to be, fundamental to the sustainability of Norwell Public Schools.

Respectfully Submitted for the Norwell School Committee,

Kristin McEachern
Chair