North Reading Public Schools

FY 27 SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE APRIL 27, 2026

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North Reading School Committee

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CURRENT SCHOOL BUDGET

Description	Amount	% Increase
FY 27 Original Budget Recommendation	$42,237,412	
FY 26 Budget	$40,780,049	
Increase ($)	$1,457,363	3.6%
FY 27 Revised Revenue Plan	$42,504,631	
FY 27 Revised Budget Recommendation	$42,504,631	
Increase over FY 26 ($)	1,724,582	4.2%
Budget Gap from Recommended Budget	**0.00**	

CHANGES TO THE BUDGET

Description	FTE	Amount
Special Education Out-District Tuition & Transportation Needs		300,000
Reduction in Academic Interventionist Restoration Proposal	0.5	-32,781
Total	**0.5**	**267,219**

Remaining Budget Gap	**$00.00**

BUDGET CONCLUSIONS

- Includes funds to meet contractual obligations with employees and employee unions;
- Increases for fixed operational costs: contracted services, busing, utilities, etc.;
- Adds staff to:
  - (1) ensure educationally sound student/teacher ratios especially at the elementary level;
  - (2) enhance adequate health and safety services for all students, staff and the school community;
  - (3) enhance current structures to address the social, emotional and mental health needs of all students;
  - (4) ensure appropriate staffing in specialized programs to support students in our high needs' population;
  - (5) enhance academic support systems at the elementary and middle school level for students struggling in math and literacy;
- Associated operational costs to continue to provide the same level of services including access to athletics, clubs and fine art programs;
- Associated operational costs to maintain all five schools and surrounding campuses;
- Assumes the same level of user fee's accessed to families next school year while providing more financial assistant opportunities for those families in need.

BUDGET MOTION

"I move that the School Committee approve and hereby adopt the Final FY'27 School Operating Budget of $42,504,631; this represents an increase of 4.2% or $1,724,582 over FY'26,."

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