

Scarborough Public Schools
School Board Meeting



School Board Public Hearing on
FY27 Budget
April 30, 2026



Overview of the FY27 Proposed Budget

- First Reading of the FY27 Education Budget proposal was passed by the School Board on March 19, 2026 ([meeting slide deck](#))
- Full Municipal Budget was presented to the Town Council and public and passed in first reading by the Town Council on April 1, 2026

The School Budget proposal is being refined and updated as we move toward the Town Council's Second Reading and vote on May 20, 2026.



FY27 Proposed School Budget Summary

Leadership Council's FY27 Budget Proposal	FY26 Approved Budget	FY27 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
General Fund Operating Budget	71,066,428	76,443,417	5,376,989	7.57%
Adult Education Budget	233,057	250,101	17,044	7.31%
School Nutrition Budget	2,529,344	2,603,104	73,760	2.92%
Total Education Budget	73,828,829	79,296,622	5,467,793	7.41%
Non-Tax Revenues	13,640,099	14,332,230	692,131	5.07%
Tax Request	60,188,730	64,964,392	4,775,662	7.93%



Budget Reduction Request

The Town Council Finance Committee has requested an overall reduction of \$2.19M from the Education budget to meet their target of 2% tax rate increase.

In response to this request, school leaders have created a proposal that identifies areas of potential reduction and their expected consequences. Proposed cuts were evaluated with two primary goals in mind: protecting the high-quality educational experience of our students and honoring our commitment to our dedicated staff. The proposal includes:

- Reduction of 20 positions across support staff, professional staff, and administration
- 7 of these positions are currently unfilled for FY27 and will remain vacant
- 13 positions are currently filled; each impacted staff member will be offered a comparable transfer position within the district if cuts move forward

[Proposed Reductions Worksheet](#)
[Position Impact of Potential Budget Cuts](#)

This information was reviewed by the School Board Finance Committee on April 28, and presented to the Town Council Finance Committee earlier this evening (April 30).



FY27 Budget Information

Resources available on the School Department Budget page:

scarboroughschools.org/board/budget

Budget Book:

- Superintendent's introduction & Executive Summary
- District goals & budget priorities
- Budget data & cost drivers
- Reports from each school/phase and department
- Appendix with additional resources
- Line item budget detail

Budget updates and adjustments since First Reading

Meeting schedule, recordings, notes and documents



Next Steps

School Board Public Hearing

- Thursday, April 30, 7:00 pm

School Board Finance Committee Budget Review

- Tuesday, May 5, 5:30 pm

Town Council Finance Committee Budget Review

- Thursday, May 7 and May 14, 5:00 pm

School Board Second Reading & Budget Vote

- TBA (will be rescheduled from May 7)

Town Council Second Reading & Budget Vote

- Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 pm

School Budget Referendum Vote

- June 9 at SHS, 7 am to 8 pm
- Early voting and absentee ballot information available here:
scarboroughmaine.org/departments/town-clerk/elections





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