



# NPS FAQs

**Q: What is happening with the school district right now?**

A: The 2025–2026 school year reflects the full impact of last year’s budget reductions. At the same time, the district is implementing the first year of its [Strategic Plan](#), which includes major work in instruction, student support systems, and facilities planning.

**Q: What is the district asking of the community?**

A: The district is expressing appreciation for continued community partnership and support, which remains essential to sustaining Norwell Public Schools and its programs for students

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## Strategic Plan & District Priorities

**Q: What are the main focus areas of the [Strategic Plan](#) this year?**

A: Key priorities include:

- District-wide professional development on Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Refining the Norwell Tiered System of Supports (academic and social-emotional)
- Continued collaboration with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) as the High School project enters the Feasibility Study phase

## FY’27 Budget

**Q: What is the proposed FY’27 school budget?**

A: The Norwell School Committee has proposed a FY’27 budget of \$34,733,925, representing a 4.00% increase over the previous year.

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**Q: Is this a “level service” budget?**

A: Yes. The budget maintains current services but does not restore positions eliminated in last year’s budget following the [failed operational override](#).

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**Q: What does the FY’27 budget cover?**

A: The budget addresses:

- Contractual obligations

- Curriculum adoptions
  - Increased utility costs (including new gas contracts)
  - Facility maintenance needs
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## Staffing Changes

### Q: Are there any staffing additions or reductions?

A: Yes.

- The Instructional Systems Assistant/Central Office Coordinator (two roles/one position) will be removed from the budget
  - An additional special education aide will be added to support Pre-K students with IEP needs as they transition to Kindergarten
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## Capital & Article Requests

### Q: What capital projects are included in the budget?

A: Capital requests: (Article 4)

- Exterior site engineering study (Norwell Middle School)
- HVAC controls upgrade (Cole/Vinal)
- Town/School building assessment

### Q: Are there other warrant articles?

A: Yes:

- School Mapping for Emergency Response (Article 20)
  - School Technology (Article 21)
  - Clipper Community Complex Bathrooms (Article 28)
    - *This is a CPC request*
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## The Town Meeting will take place on:

- **Date:** May 4, 2026
  - **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
  - **Location:** Middle School Gymnasium
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## Where can I find more information?

### Q: Where can I review the full budget details?

A: Additional information is available in:

- [The Town Meeting Information Guide and the 2025–2026 Annual School Report](#)
- [The FY'27 School Committee Budget Presentation \(March 30, 2026\)](#)