Scarborough Public Schools

Board of Education

School Board Virtual Meeting

May 19, 2026

7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance



Scarborough Public Schools

FY27 Budget Proposal

School Board Second Reading & Vote

May 19, 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

- 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 has been refined and updated leading up to the Board's Second Reading & vote this evening, and in preparation for the Town Council's Second Reading & vote tomorrow, May 20, 2026.

FY27 Proposed School Budget Summary

As approved at School Board First Reading March 19, 2026

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

- After their April budget workshops, the Town Council Finance Committee requested that school leaders model an overall reduction of $2.19 million from the Education budget to meet their target of a 2% tax rate increase.
- School leaders created a proposal identifying areas of potential reduction and their expected consequences within 5 tiers of cuts. 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.
- ***In their final deliberations on May 14, the Town Council Finance Committee voted to send a budget amendment to the full Town Council that includes a $1.2 million Education budget reduction.***
  - Town Council Second Reading and budget vote will take place on Wednesday, May 20
  - They will start with the Finance Committee recommendation and may introduce other amendments
  - If this smaller reduction is maintained, it will allow us to avoid proposed position eliminations that would cause involuntary transfers.

Budget Process Summary Updated Budget Summaries as of 5/19/2026

- Following the Town Council's final vote, the Board will allocate any additional changes at their regular meeting on May 21, 2026.

FY27 Proposed School Budget Summary

As amended for School Board Second Reading May 19, 2026

Leadership Council's FY27 Budget Proposal	FY26 Approved Budget	FY27 Approved Budget	$ Change	% Change
General Fund Operating Budget	71,066,428	75,226,326	4,159,898	5.85%
Adult Education Budget	233,057	249,466	16,409	7.04%
School Nutrition Budet	2,529,344	2,587,363	58,019	2.29%
Total Education Budget	**73,828,829**	**78,063,155**	**4,234,326**	**5.74%**
Non-Tax Revenues	13,640,099	14,316,489	676,390	4.96%
Tax Request	**60,188,730**	**63,746,666**	**3,557,936**	**5.91%**

Next Steps

School Board Second Reading & Budget Vote
- Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 pm (virtual)

Town Council Second Reading & Budget Vote
- Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 pm

School Board Finance Committee Meeting (if needed)
- Tuesday, May 21, 5:30 pm

School Board Meeting - Budget Adjustments (if needed)
- Thursday, May 21, 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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- Attend or watch public meetings
- Give input in person or via email
- VOTE on June 9, 2026

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scarboroughschools.org/board/budget

Check out the Town of Scarborough Budget Portal:
scarboroughmaine.org/budget