



Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

5:30 PM

Dover-Sherborn Middle School Library

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Community Comments**
<https://meet.google.com/gre-owyp-oeu> (will close after Community Comments)
3. **Student Council Representatives**
4. **Superintendent Comments**
5. **Financial Reports**
 - Warrant Report
 - FY26 Closeout
 - Capital Project Update
6. **Discussion Items**
 - Subcommittee Assignments
7. **Action Items**
 - Approve MS School Improvement Plan (2nd read) **A.R.**
 - Approve HS School Improvement Plan (2nd read) **A.R.**
8. **Consent Items** **A.R.**
 - Approval of Regional School Committee Minutes – June 9, 2026
 - Approval of High School Field Trip to Orlando Florida
 - Approval of Middle School Field Trip to Washington DC
 - Gifts
9. **Informational Items**
10. **Next Meeting October 13, 2026**
11. **Adjourn**

NOTE: The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed and other items not listed may also be raised for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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Elizabeth M. McCoy, Superintendent
Heather Ronan, Interim Assistant Superintendent

Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator
Kate McCarthy, Director of Student Services

TO: Regional School Committee
FROM: Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator
DATE: September 11, 2026
RE: FY26 and FY27 Approved Warrants

The following FY26 and FY27 Accounts Payable Warrants were approved by one of the Committee's designated signers:

FY26 Warrants

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1266	6/17/2026	\$517,177.90
1267	6/22/2026	\$446,192.17
1268	6/25/2026	\$165,187.66
1269	6/30/2026	\$3,903.45
1270	6/30/2026	\$150,057.34
1271	6/30/2026	\$105,340.59

FY27 Warrants

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1017	7/17/2026	\$1,266,050.98
1018	7/17/2026	\$206,733.50
1028	8/3/2026	\$481,778.12
1029	8/3/2026	\$90,635.15
1038	8/13/2026	\$170,568.02
1039	8/14/2026	\$754,183.97
1049	9/3/2026	\$704,206.90

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TO: Regional School Committee
FROM: Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator
RE: FY26 Financial Results and Year-End Requirements
DATE: September 11, 2026

The following reports as of June 30, 2026 are attached for your review:

- a. General Fund Revenues
- b. Status of Appropriations
- c. Roll-forward of Excess and Deficiency

General Revenues

Total Revenues exceeded budgeted revenues by **\$235,006 (.81%)** comprised of the following variances:

- Positive variance in Chapter 70 of **\$67,321** due to final state budget higher than Governor's initial budget (used for budget)
- Transportation reimbursement higher than projected Cherry Sheet by **\$72,535** (approx. 89% reimbursement rate)
- Continue to see negative variances in Athletic Fees (*total of \$37,355*) – increased family cap for FY27
- Favorable interest rates continued with Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust (MMDT) resulting in a positive variance in interest income of **\$138,175**
- **\$200,000** of this variance applied to FY27 Budget through use of E& D Funds.

Status of Appropriations

The operating budget ended the year with a surplus of **\$18,173 (0.06 %)**. The key variances were:

- Salaries of **\$157,068 (0.79%)** representing:
 - Negative variance in substitute costs due to various extended leaves
 - Negative variance in Educational Assistants based on student needs.
- Expenditures of **\$175,241 (1.90%)** representing:
 - Savings in multiple function codes based on current year needs as well as a budgetary freeze put in place in May based on projected operating results
 - Negative variance in Utilities of **\$134,217** driven by higher electricity costs due to new High School RTUs being fully electric, an increase in supply rate due to regulatory changes and higher demand charges
 - Savings in Employee healthcare costs of \$102,107 based on current year participation and plan elections
 - Decision to reduce the planned OPEB contribution of \$250,000 to \$150,000 due to projected operating results.

Summary of Results and Roll-forward of Excess and Deficiency

Net result of operations was a surplus of **\$253,179**. The Committee approved use of Excess & Deficiency funds of **\$200,000** for the FY27 operating budget leaving a proposed certified E&D fund balance of **\$1,000,722** (3.07% of the FY27 operating budget). We are within RSC's stated policy of a 3-4% E&D reserve. The roll-forward of Excess & Deficiency is included for your review.

Our E&D and related financial schedules will be submitted to the Department of Revenue in the coming weeks. We will inform the Committee when E&D is certified.

End-of Year DESE Report

The Business Office is in the process of completing the FY26 EOYR report which is used by the Department of Education to determine the Region's compliance with net school spending as well as determining the current year's Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Reimbursement. The reporting deadline is September 30, 2026.

Annual Audit

R.E.Brown will be scheduled to begin the annual audit once we complete the FY25 Audit. We will keep the Committee updated on their progress and the timeline for presentation of the FY25 Audited Financial Statements.

Project Update

We will provide an update on our summer capital projects at the Committee's meeting.

We will be happy to answer any questions at Tuesday's meeting.

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General Fund Revenues

as of June 30, 2026

	<u>FY26</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>OPERATING</u> <u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>% OF</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
DOVER ASSESSMENTS	\$13,131,279	\$13,131,279	\$0	0.00%
SHERBORN ASSESSMENTS	11,798,286	11,798,286	\$0	0.00%
CHAPTER 70, net	2,848,526	2,915,847	\$67,321	2.36%
CHAPTER 71 (Transportation)	719,580	792,115	\$72,535	10.08%
H/S ATHLETIC FEES	284,750	247,395	(\$37,355)	-13.12%
H/S PARKING FEES	52,500	44,666	(\$7,834)	-14.92%
H/S ACTIVITY FEE	15,000	16,800	\$1,800	12.00%
M/S ACTIVITY FEE	7,425	10,440	\$3,015	40.61%
MISC REVENUE	5,000	886	(\$4,114)	-82.27%
BANK INTEREST	50,000	188,175	\$138,175	276.35%
NON-CASH ACTIVITY	0	1,463	\$1,463	na
E&D UTILIZATION	175,000	175,000	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$29,087,346	\$29,322,352	\$235,006	0.81%

\$29,147,352

Dover-Sherborn Regional School District
Status of Appropriations as of June 30, 2026

	<u>FY26</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>OPERATING</u>	<u>% OF</u>
<u>SALARIES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>30-Jun</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	21,630	21,630	0	0.00%
SUPERINTENDENT	216,828	220,871	(4,043)	-1.86%
FINANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES	222,329	202,905	19,424	8.74%
DISTRICTWIDE INFORMATION MGMT	252,077	259,883	(7,806)	-3.10%
SPED/GUIDANCE ADMINISTRATION	519,869	533,996	(14,127)	-2.72%
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP - BUILDING	785,462	767,453	18,009	2.29%
ACADEMIC LEADERS	157,379	157,129	250	0.16%
EDUCATORS, CLASSROOM	11,320,612	11,313,615	6,998	0.06%
EDUCATORS, SPED	2,013,471	2,006,930	6,541	0.32%
SUBSTITUTES	121,300	235,785	(114,485)	-94.38%
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS, SPED	517,649	574,252	(56,603)	-10.93%
LIBRARIANS	202,722	236,450	(33,728)	-16.64%
BUILDING BASED PD	38,250	45,788	(7,538)	-19.71%
GUIDANCE	1,341,947	1,344,240	(2,293)	-0.17%
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	208,654	208,654	0	0.00%
MEDICAL / HEALTH SERVICES	275,549	288,377	(12,827)	-4.66%
ATHLETICS	567,612	545,612	22,000	3.88%
OTHER STUDENT ACTIVITIES	218,000	216,100	1,900	0.87%
CUSTODIAL & GROUNDS SERVICES	866,410	845,151	21,260	2.45%
TOTAL SALARIES	\$ 19,867,751	\$ 20,024,819	(\$157,068)	- 0.79%
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	44,500	45,386	(886)	-1.99%
SUPERINTENDENT	90,000	70,979	19,021	21.13%
LEGAL SERVICES	38,000	59,833	(21,833)	-57.45%
DISTRICTWIDE INFO MGMT	106,500	131,146	(24,646)	-23.14%
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP - BUILDING	91,300	68,086	23,214	25.43%
GENERAL ED OTHER	23,600	17,797	5,803	24.59%
SPED SERVICES/SUPPLIES	71,500	81,307	(9,807)	-13.72%
LIBRARIES & MEDIA CENTER	4,775	6,473	(1,698)	-35.57%
COURSE REIMBURSEMENT/PD	92,900	89,837	3,063	3.30%
TEXTBOOKS & RELATED SOFTWARE	110,950	100,271	10,679	9.62%
LIBRARY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL	29,800	25,660	4,140	13.89%
INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT	74,100	48,677	25,423	34.31%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	162,850	129,598	33,252	20.42%
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	20,700	18,002	2,698	13.03%
CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONAL TECH.	188,570	164,771	23,799	12.62%
GUIDANCE	35,600	45,315	(9,715)	-27.29%
MEDICAL / HEALTH SERVICES	6,500	3,423	3,077	47.33%
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	1,248,000	1,188,049	59,951	4.80%
ATHLETICS	210,500	225,538	(15,038)	-7.14%
CUSTODIAL SERVICES	58,000	57,825	175	0.30%
MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS	598,000	627,014	(29,014)	-4.85%
MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS	63,000	70,403	(7,403)	-11.75%
UTILITIES	641,750	775,967	(134,217)	-20.91%
ER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	845,000	831,201	13,799	1.63%
ER INSURANCE ACTIVE EMPLOYEES	3,336,000	3,233,893	102,107	3.06%
ER INSURANCE RETIRED EMPLOYEES	890,000	789,273	100,727	11.32%
OTHER NON EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	137,200	138,628	(1,428)	-1.04%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,219,595	\$9,044,354	\$175,241	1.90%
 TOTAL OPERATING	 \$29,087,346	 \$29,069,173	 \$18,173	 0.06%

Dover-Sherborn Regional School District
Roll-forward of Excess and Deficiency
June 30, 2026

			E&D %
Adj. Certified E&D as of June 30, 2025		\$947,543	3.26%
Results of operations:			
Revenue Surplus	235,006		
Operating Surplus	18,173		
total surplus		\$253,179	
Uses of E&D:			
Approved for FY27 Operating Budget	(200,000)		
Approved for Capital	0		
total uses		<u>(\$200,000)</u>	
FY26 increase to E&D		\$53,179	
Uncertified E&D as of June 30, 2026		<u>\$1,000,722</u>	3.07%
Allowed E&D as of June 30, 2026		\$1,630,159	5.00%
Amount under Allowed E&D as of June 30, 2026		<u><u>(\$629,437)</u></u>	

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (updated 9/14/2027)	
	2026-27
Chair	Jeff Cassidy
Vice Chair	Angie Johnson
Secretary	Mary Lowder
Finance	
Warrants & Payroll <i>Signs accounts payable and payroll warrants</i>	Jeff Cassidy
Subcommittees	
Superintendent's Evaluation <i>Coordinates evaluation of the superintendent per DESE guidelines</i>	Angie Johnson Jeff Cassidy
Budget <i>Supports financial planning and oversight</i>	All Committee Members
Personnel <i>Reviews and approves sick bank requests</i>	Jeff Cassidy
Negotiations <i>Participates in the collective bargaining process with the Dover Sherborn Educational Association (<u>2 members</u>)</i>	Jeff Cassidy Mary Lowder
Search Committees <i>Participates in search committees for administrative positions as needed</i>	
Policy <i>Revises and proposes policies as needed for joint review by the school committees; conducts periodic policy manual reviews; identifies required policy review cycles</i>	Angie Johnson
Buildings & Facilities <i>Collaborates with the Business Administrator and Director of Facilities on annual approval of the Capital Plan</i>	Angie Johnson
Employee Benefits (INSERT) <i>Reviews and makes recommendations regarding employee benefits.</i>	
Liaisons <i>Serves as the key point of contact with each organization; attends meetings as requested</i>	
MS POSITIVE (meets monthly; contact President)	
HS PTO (meets monthly; contact President)	
MS School Advisory Council (meets monthly; contact MS Principal)	
HS School Advisory Council (meets monthly; contact HS Principal)	Lindsay Nie

Challenge Success (meets monthly; contact Guidance Director)	
METCO (meets as needed; contact METCO Director)	
SEPAC (meets monthly; contact Student Services Director)	Mary Lowder
Wellness (meets annually; contact Student Services Director)	Jeff Cassidy
Athletic Advisory (meets three times annually; contact Athletic Director)	
Boosters (meets monthly; contact President)	
FOPA (meets monthly; contact President)	
Task Forces	
Communication (meets as needed)	Lindsay Nie



The Public Schools of Dover and Sherborn District Strategy 2023-2028
Dover Sherborn Middle School IMPROVEMENT PLAN
2026-2027

DISTRICT VISION

We will distinguish ourselves through innovative teaching and learning experiences that inspire all students to pursue their individual passion for learning and excellence while we continue to be a nationally recognized, high-performing school system.

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THEORY OF ACTION

If we are able to successfully inspire, challenge, and provide the necessary support for all of our students, *then* they will be equipped with the tools necessary to achieve their fullest potential in a rapidly changing society.

CORE VALUES

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY • EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE • RESPECT AND DIGNITY • CLIMATE OF CARE

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2023-2028

EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION IN LEARNING

Maintain academic excellence and rigor while adapting practices to prepare graduates for success in a rapidly changing world.

CHALLENGE & SUPPORT ALL STUDENTS

Enhance programming to ensure all students are able to achieve their full potential within a supportive learning environment.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & GROWTH

Expand opportunities for professional growth and collaboration among educators in support of the District's vision for teaching and learning.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engage families and community members in the strategic pursuit of a shared vision and mission.

SAFE & SUSTAINABLE SPACES





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Evaluate and update facilities to ensure safe, sufficient and sustainable spaces amidst a changing educational and environmental landscape.

DISTRICT GOALS 2024-25 (TB Updated)

Best Practices

Further implement the District's [9 Best Practices](#) to engage students as active learners in the development of skills depicted in the Dover-Sherborn [Portrait of a Graduate](#).

Student Voice

Elevate student voice as a means to increase students' sense of belonging and inform classroom, school and district policy and practice.

Communication Strategy

Streamline tools and strategies to improve communication and increase collaboration with families and the community.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL 1: Expand opportunities for professional growth & collaboration among educators in support of the District's vision for teaching and learning.

ACTION STEPS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES & EVIDENCE
Develop and implement Professional Learning Communities for staff to participate in professional discourse revolving around research-based instructional practices	Principal, Assistant Principal, & all staff	Strong opportunities for professional growth, collaboration, & problem-solving
Support informal peer observations	Principal, Assistant Principal, Instructional Coach, Curriculum Leaders	Increased awareness of 9 Best Practices Engagement in reflective conversations that promote continuous professional growth





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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL 2: Refine and further implement district-wide routines, policies and systems that foster safe and supportive school environments for all students and staff.

ACTION STEPS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES & EVIDENCE
Implement a Google Academy for all sixth grade students during Q1 FLEX Blocks	Principal, Assistant Principal, Team & Curriculum Leaders, all staff	Students will develop organizational skills by learning to effectively manage digital files, folders, assignments, and resources within Google Drive and Google Classroom.
Universal Binder System & Universal Google Classroom Format	Principal, Asst. Principal, Guidance Staff, Team Leaders, Curriculum Leaders, all staff	Students will improve executive functioning skills related to planning, organization, task initiation, and self-monitoring.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL 3: Maintain academic excellence & rigor while adapting practices to prepare graduates for success in a rapidly changing world. Continue to refine, grow and adapt our MTSS to current student needs and data.

ACTION STEPS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES & EVIDENCE
Analyze student performance data to identify achievement gaps among subgroups.	Principal, Assistant Principal, Curriculum Leaders, Team Leaders, Interventionists, & all staff	Identify achievement gaps among student subgroups and implement targeted instructional strategies and interventions to address identified needs. Student data: IXL, MCAS, Team Data/Input, Aspen (Classroom Data), & Open Architects Reflection/input from staff working directly within these roles.





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Utilize performance data to implement targeted instructional strategies that improve academic outcomes for all students.	Principal, Assistant Principal, Curriculum Leaders, Team Leaders, Interventionists, & Staff	Leverage WIN & FLEX blocks to implement instructional strategies that support academic growth for identified subgroups.
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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL 4: Ensure that our buildings and grounds support strong instructional and extracurricular programs to meet the needs of our students and staff.

ACTION STEPS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES & EVIDENCE
Utilize open spaces to be more community/collaborative for student-work/class gathering spaces including Intervention space. Design, implement, and continuously refine a FLEX Lab program that provides students with engaging enrichment opportunities aligned to their academic, social-emotional, creative, and career-related interests.	Principal, Assistant Principal, all staff	Input from stakeholders re: needs Volume of use for community/collaborative space. Students will have increased access to enrichment opportunities through FLEX Labs that extend learning beyond the core curriculum and align with their interests, strengths, and areas for growth.





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DISTRICT GOALS 2026-2027

INSTRUCTIONAL COHERENCE

Develop and implement a PK-12 system of instructional rounds, job-embedded coaching, and collaborative feedback practices aligned to a shared vision of effective practice (9 Best Practices).

DATA-INFORMED DECISION-MAKING

Convene a PK-12 data team to analyze district data and further implement a culture of data-informed decision making relative to student growth and achievement within each school.

SAFE & SUPPORTIVE SYSTEMS

Revisit, refine, and align district-wide routines, policies, and systems across all schools to ensure consistent, safe, and supportive learning environments for all students and staff.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL 1: CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A NEW LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS SPACE DESIGN THAT WILL ENHANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF TO COLLABORATE AND CREATE IN BOTH SCHOOL DIRECTED AS WELL AS ENRICHMENT EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES.

ACTION STEPS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES & EVIDENCE
Create a student library advisory committee as well as a faculty steering committee to assess the needs of students and faculty in the new commons design	Amanda Brown- Library/ Media Director Student Committee Faculty steering committee Administration	Formalized documents. New procedures for accessing the Library Commons Newly created instructional and study spaces that provide students and staff with additional areas to work and produce academic products(maker spaces, green screen for video production)collaborative and silent study study for assessments and a means to relax in an inviting and comfortable space.
Research and purchase furniture and equipment that will update the function of the learning commons and allow for greater collaboration among students and teaching faculty.	Library/Media Center Director Administration Business Manager	New maker spaces, green screens and other collaborative study materials that will increase student use and faculty involvement in the library learning commons
Work with local libraries and also visit several other	Library/Media Center	Increased collaboration will result in





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high school libraries/media centers to see what programming ,innovative furniture and space allocation they are using	Director High School Administration	students knowing where to find resources they need and how they can develop strong study habits to increase overall student performance.
Host special Library Learning Commons evenings where students can attend fun social events as well as study partner evenings in the library	Library Media Center Director High School Administration	Greater use of the Library Commons both during the school day as well as during select evenings. Creating a greater sense of community.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL 2: INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING

ACTION STEPS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES & EVIDENCE
Develop coaching cycles with Instructional Coach and participating educators.	Raechel Erickson, Instructional Coach, Faculty members Administration	Feedback from participating faculty Additional changes to instructional practices resulting in more student centered instruction on a regular basis
Modeling established by Department Chairs	Coach Department Chairs	Documented examples/products of department heads using the coaching model to improve their instruction.
Create clear and distinct job responsibilities of the Instructional Coach that are non evaluative and focus on growth in a teachers instruction and assessment	Instructional Coach Assistant Superintendent High School Administration	Teachers will be more willing to ask for assistance and take some instructional risks if they know the Instructional Coach is not judging them or formally evaluating them. With this in mind, more teachers will reach out to the Instructional Coach and ask for assistance in areas that they feel as though they need to grow and improve.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL 3: GRADE NINE TRANSITION TO THE HIGH SCHOOL

ACTION STEPS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES & EVIDENCE
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HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

2026-2027

Increase the times that our Peer Leaders meet with our new students as well as our ninth grade students so that they can mentor and give feedback to the new students as they transition to high school academic work as well as an increase in extra curricular activities	Peer Leaders Peer Leader Faculty Advisors High School Administration Student Activities Advisor	Feedback from students and teachers indicating students feel comfortable with the procedures and new independence of high school students
Return to an in person club and activities fair. (Since Covid, the activities fair was online so information was shared electronically as to the various options available to students for involvement outside of their academic classes)	Student Activities Director High School Administration Club Advisors Club student leaders	Increase understanding of available opportunities for students Increased involvement of clubs (larger enrollments in some clubs) Increased confidence for students to sign up and be part of the DS community.
Increased focus of flex block for studying and choice of activity	High School Administration Club Advisors Faculty	Increased confidence of ninth grade and new students in seeking out support as needed and to create a better balance between school and down time.

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Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee

Meeting of June 9, 2026

Members Present: Angie Johnson
 Jeff Cassidy
 Lindsay Nie
 Mary Lowder
 Toa Ashk

1) Call to Order

Beth McCoy called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Reorganization

Angie Johnson made a motion to nominate Jeff Cassidy as Chair of the Regional School Committee. Lindsay Nie seconded.

26-07 VOTE: 4 - 0

Jeff Cassidy made a motion to nominate Angie Johnson as Vice Chair of the Regional School Committee. Mary Lowder seconded.

26-08 VOTE: 4 - 0

Angie Johnson made a motion to nominate Mary Lowder as Secretary of the Regional School Committee. Jeff Cassidy seconded.

26-09 VOTE: 5 - 0

3) Community Comments - none

4) Superintendent Comments -

- Draft District Goals - Superintendent McCoy reviewed the goals: 1) Instructional Coherence; 2) Data-informed Decision Making; and 3) Safe & Supportive Systems.

5) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY26 Monthly Update as of May 29, 2026
 - Revenues - there are no changes since the last report
 - Salaries - there are no changes since the last report
 - Expenditures - there are no changes since the last report
 - Summary of Operations - Current projections show a negative operating variance, including the planned \$250,000 OPEB contribution. If necessary, the contribution will be reduced to cover any operating deficit.
 - FY25 Wrap-up - the auditors have completed their fieldwork for the FY25 audit and statements will be presented at the September meeting.

6) Items for Discussion

- 2026-27 MS School Improvement Plan (1st read)
- 2026-27 HS School Improvement Plan (1st read)

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- 2026-27 MS Program of Studies (1st read)

7) Items for Approval

- Athletic Fee Family Cap - to help offset the negative variance in Athletic Fee Revenues, the Administration suggested amending the current family cap of \$1,340 per family (4 fees) to \$1,675 per family (5 fees). The cap increase is projected to yield an additional \$10,000.

Mary Lowder made a motion to amend the current family cap for athletic fees of \$1,340 to \$1,675 effective July 1, 2026. Lindsay Nie seconded.

26-10 VOTE: 5 - 0

- Building Rental Fees - a review of the building rental policies, procedures, and fees was recently completed, including comparing area district rates and policies. A two tier rate structure - one for Dover and Sherborn groups and one for non-town groups - is recommended. In addition, an increase in fees for weekend custodial/food service coverage is requested to align with actual costs.

Mary Lowder made a motion to increase the building rental rates and custodial/cafeteria staff fees as presented. Lindsay Nie seconded.

26-11 VOTE: 5 - 0

8) Consent Items

- Gifts - \$2,600 from Katie Sullivan for the work completed on the JV Baseball practice field.
- Scholarship - \$100 from Jeanne Boylan for the Rogers William Boylan Scholarship Fund
- Reappoint District Treasurer - Patrick Collins (reappointment) for 2026-27 school year
- Approval of Minutes - May 5, 2026

Mary Lowder made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Lindsay Nie seconded.

26-12 VOTE: 5 - 0

9) Informational Items

- Subcommittee Assignments
- Class of 2026 Matriculation Report
- Sherborn School Committee minutes of February 24, March 10, May 12, 2026
- Dover School Committee minutes of February 24, March 5, May 12, 2026

10)Adjournment at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis

Memo

To: John Smith, DSHS Principal

From: Janice Barry, Band Director
Geoff Herrmann, Chorus Director

Date: 8/24/2026

Re: Band & Chorus Overnight Field Trip to Orlando, FL

I am writing to request your approval of an overnight field trip to Orlando, FL for Dover Sherborn High School Band and Chorus students. Our trip is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 7 through Saturday, April 10, 2027. A draft agenda and pricing information is included in additional attachments.

Students will participate in an educational experience that applies their classroom learned skills of sightreading, rehearsal techniques, and individual and ensemble musicianship in a film studio recording session led by professional musicians. At the conclusion of the session, students will watch a screening of their recorded work and evaluate how well it pairs with a Disney film. See more information about the Soundtrack Sessions below.

Our band and chorus programs have grown significantly over the past few years allowing us to consider new musical opportunities that will enrich our curriculum and strengthen community and a sense of belonging. As a staff, we feel this trip is the next step in expanding our student's experiences while also continuing to reinforce the positive mindset of the DS music program.

Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Soundtrack Sessions: Instrumental Overview

Throughout the orchestra and band workshops, students will learn a repertoire of Disney music and hone fundamental skills including intonation, musical balance and tone quality. In addition to sight-reading practice and ensemble-training, they'll learn how phrasing, dynamics and articulation can add emotion to any piece of music.

Disney music professionals will give music lessons and share insights about the high expectations of being a professional musician and how to succeed in this highly competitive field. Endorsed by the National Association for Music Education, the Disney Imagination Campus Soundtrack Sessions: Instrumental workshop is sure to hit all the right notes for your band or orchestra—culminating with a screening of their recorded work set to Disney film footage!

Learning Objectives

After completing this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Sight-read and record a varied repertoire of Disney music
- Sight-read, listen to, analyze and describe musical pieces
- Develop and reinforce the fundamentals of musical performance
- Play better with a band or orchestra, thanks to ensemble training
- Understand what it's like to work in the music industry as a professional
- Express intonation, balance and tone quality while following a conductor's interpretation
- Maximize rehearsal productivity by preparing in advance to be accurate and expressive
- Understand the requirements of a studio recording environment and what is expected of performers
- Evaluate music and musical performances

Educational Standards: Our Performing Arts Workshops and Performances meet many of the National Core Arts Standards to continue and support classroom learning in a real-world setting. For more details on specific education standards met through our programs, workshops, and performance experiences, please contact your Disney Imagination Campus Representative.

The Disney Difference

Disney Imagination Campus Performing Arts Workshops set the standard by which all other workshop opportunities are measured. Discover the Disney Difference in music, where the students taking our Soundtrack Sessions: Instrumental workshop will:

- Work directly with Disney teaching-artists—who are professional musicians working in the music industry
- Study and play Disney scores and arrangements, which are exclusive to this performing arts workshop
- Be treated as professional musicians in a recording studio environment
- Gain insight into careers in the recording and film industry through Q & A with their Disney teaching-artist
- Have the opportunity to enjoy the magic of our theme parks with specially priced tickets.

Source: <https://www.disneycampus.com/programs/performing-arts/soundtrack-sessions-instrumental>

Soundtrack Sessions: Vocal Overview

Student vocalists will learn a repertoire of Disney music and hone fundamental skills including breath control, diction and sight-reading. They'll also discover how phrasing and dynamics can add emotion to any piece of music.

They will learn from Disney music professionals—teaching artists who will give them group singing lessons, oversee vocal productions in soundtrack sessions and share insights about the high expectations of being a professional singer and how to succeed in this highly competitive field.

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Learning Objectives

After completing this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Sight-read and record a varied repertoire of Disney music
- Sight-read, listen to, analyze and describe musical pieces
- Learn vocal techniques to improve diction and unify vowel sounds when performing in groups with 3- and 4-part harmonies
- Develop and reinforce the fundamentals of musical performance
- Achieve better breath control through good posture
- Understand what it's like to work in the music industry as a professional
- Examine various musical styles and how different vocal production techniques are required in the music industry
- Discover audition tips to increase your chances of success
- Learn how to be flexible when hired to sing songs and do voiceovers
- Understand the requirements of a studio recording environment and what is expected of performers
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- Work directly with Disney teaching-artists—who are professional singers working in the music industry
- Study and sing Disney songs and arrangements from iconic Disney films, which are exclusive to this performing arts workshop
- Be treated as professional singers in a recording studio environment
- Gain insight into careers in the recording and film industry through Q & A with their Disney teaching-artist
- Have the opportunity to enjoy the magic of our theme parks with specially priced tickets.

Source: <https://www.disneycampus.com/programs/performing-arts/soundtrack-sessions-vocal>



DOVER SHERRBORN HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND & CHORUS
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF: JANICE BARRY
DESTINATION: WALT DISNEY WORLD- ORLANDO, FLORIDA
DATES: APRIL 7—APRIL 10, 2027

Suggested Itinerary 8.18.26

JoAnn East, Travel Consultant—800-373-1423 ext. 273--Cell: 978-400-0268

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7: Travel Day

3:30 PM One (56) pax/passenger local motor coach arrives at **Dover Sherborn High School**
 9 Junction St., Dover, MA 02030

TBD PM **Depart for Logan International Airport**
 1 Harborside Drive, East Boston, MA 02128

TBD PM Arrive at the airport

Meet your BRT Airport Representative here

At the airport, begin the check-in process and head through security

Please note: Beginning May 7, 2025, anyone 18 years or older, including students, must have a REAL ID driver's license or passport to board domestic flights.

Meals or Snacks at the airport are at travelers' expense and leisure

Cost for one checked bag is included

TBD	PM	Depart
TBD	PM	Arrive Orlando/MCO

Upon arrival Welcome to Orlando! Proceed to baggage claim.
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AM Load on (56) passenger/pax local motor coaches for a one-way transfer **DISNEY ALL STAR MUSIC RESORT** to store luggage
 1801 West Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830

Your trip will include:

- (1) 3-Day Disney Base Ticket, one park per day
- (1) \$150.00 Jassby Card per traveler to supplement meal purchases

PM Hotel check-in & enjoy the hotel this evening

~1 Private Security Guard on duty – 10:30 PM-5:30 AM ~

THURSDAY, APRIL 8: Workshops & Hollywood Studios

Use \$50.00 of Jassby Card to supplement meals today

TBD AM Enjoy breakfast at hotel

TBD AM Load (2) 56 pax local motor coaches (5-hour charters)

TBD AM Depart for EPCOT Disney Imagination Campus

TBD PM Meet your Disney Coordinator

TBD	PM	"Soundtrack Sessions: INSTRUMENTAL" workshop
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TBD	PM	"Soundtrack Sessions: VOCAL" workshop
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TBD PM At conclusion of workshop, load motor coaches; return to hotel to drop off instruments before continuing to **Hollywood Studios**

Disney's Hollywood Studios

Step into the magic of the movies at Disney's Hollywood Studios—where storybook adventures come to life and imagination takes center stage. From thrilling attractions to immersive lands, today offers something for everyone to enjoy.

Lunch in park

Enjoy a special **Disney Dining Experience** for your group featuring Italian cuisine followed by special seating at **Fantasmic**.

9:00 PM End your day with **Fantasmic!** A spectacular nighttime show featuring Disney music, characters, water effects, and fireworks (typically scheduled at park close; timing of group dining and Fantasmic are subject to change)

9:45 PM Using Disney Transportation, return to the hotel

~1 Private Security Guard on duty – 10:30 PM-5:30 AM ~



FRIDAY, APRIL 9: Magic Kingdom

Use \$50.00 of Jassby Card to supplement meals today

7:00 AM Enjoy breakfast at hotel

8:00 AM Using Disney Transportation, depart for the **Magic Kingdom**
A magical place where storybook fantasy comes to life. Seek out adventures, create magical memories with beloved Characters and discover the fun where imagination reigns.

NEW: Tron Lightcycle Power Run: Set off on a thrilling race across the Grid where you'll speed across a world with no horizons in a high-stakes race based on the Disney sci-fi film TRON: Legacy.

Pirates of the Caribbean: Board a weathered barge for a treacherous voyage to the 17th century, when rowdy rogues and ruthless rascallions ransacked Caribbean seaport towns. Sing along as pirates serenade you with their anthem, "Yo Ho, Yo Ho (A Pirate's Life for Me)."

Lunch in Park

Seven Dwarfs Mine Train: Deep inside an age-old mountain, clamber into a rustic mine train and make your way up a steep incline. At the peak, glimpse an incredible view of Fantasyland before racing back down to the foot of the mountain.

Big Thunder Mountain Railroad: Legend has it that eerie things began to happen soon after gold was first discovered here in the 1850s. Your rip-roaring adventure proves that some legends are true. You're sure to have a real blast!

Dinner in Park

9:00 PM **Happily Ever After Fireworks Spectacular** (in front of Cinderella's Castle)
This astounding fireworks extravaganza uses lights, lasers and special effects, plus a soaring score featuring contemporary versions of beloved Disney songs. Be sure to check app for actual time, sometimes with a 10:00 closing it moves to 9:30



9:30 PM Using Disney Transportation, depart for hotel

~1 Private Security Guard on duty – 10:30 PM-5:30 AM ~

SATURDAY, APRIL 10: Partial Park day & Departure Day

Use \$50.00 of Jassby Card to supplement meals today

6:30 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

7:30 AM Hotel check out, and Load one (56) pax local motorcoach

8:00 AM Depart for park of choice (group to decide **Animal Kingdom or EPCOT**)

PM Lunch in park

PM Meet at front of park

PM Load motor coach

TBD PM Depart for **MCO/Orlando International Airport**
1 Jeff Fuqua Blvd, Orlando, FL 32827;

TBD PM Arrive airport

Upon arrival At the airport, begin the check-in process and head through security.
Please note: Beginning May 7, 2025, anyone 18 years or older, including students, must have a REAL ID driver's license or passport to board domestic flights.

PM Dinner at airport

TBD PM Depart MCO

TBD PM Arrive ~Welcome Home!

Upon arrival Proceed to baggage claim

PM Load local motor coach; depart for Dover Sherborn High School

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	50	45
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Triple	\$2,372	\$2,429
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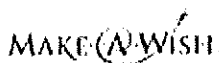
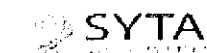
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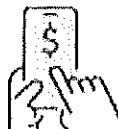
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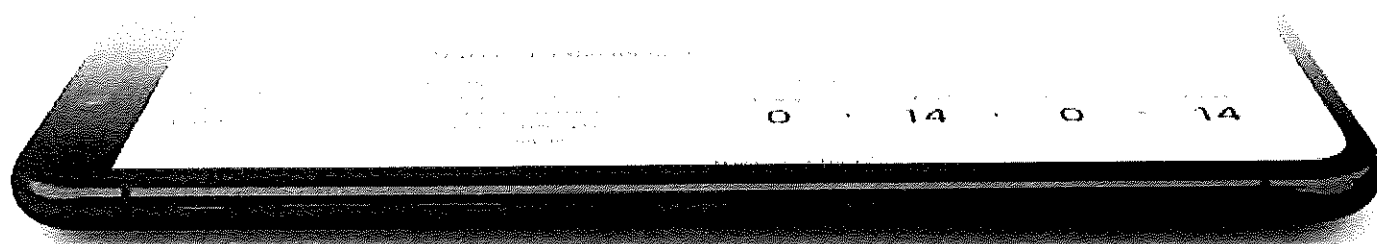
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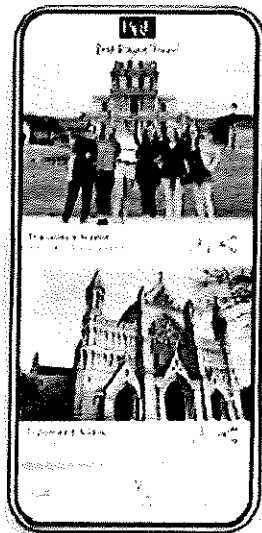
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We provide you with a username & password to login to our app and website to upload trip photos.

2.

Your group uploads photos with our app or website while and/or after you travel. Family at home can login and follow along.

3.

We create your video from the edited photos. Both can only be accessed with your group's username & password.

4.

We send users a notification to view the keepsake videos and all the photos that were shared by everyone to download to keep for a lifetime.



Directors receive everything on a USB Flash Drive

Benefits

Directors:

The video reinforces the educational purpose of your trip and can be used to promote future trips.

Travelers:

Relive their once-in-a-lifetime experience and enjoy a keepsake video for years to come!

Those at Home:

Virtually travel along at home during the trip by viewing the shared photos and see the wonders of travel.

Memo

To: School Committee

From: Jennifer Santosuosso, Dover-Sherborn Middle School Principal

Date: September 11, 2026

Subject: Annual Washington, D.C. Trip for Eighth-Grade Students

We are pleased to continue our annual Washington, D.C. educational trip for eighth-grade students from June 9-11, 2026. The Washington, D.C. trip is an important extension of our eighth-grade curriculum, providing students with the opportunity to experience firsthand many of the historical, governmental, and cultural institutions they study in the classroom.

The trip provides meaningful opportunities for students to visit sites such as the U.S. Capitol, national memorials, museums, and other significant locations. Beyond the academic experience, the trip helps students develop independence, responsibility, collaboration, and a deeper appreciation for our nation's history and government.

This year, we are transitioning from WorldStrides to EF Tours as our travel partner. EF Tours provides enhanced support for students, families, and staff while also creating additional opportunities for financial assistance for students who may otherwise find the cost of the trip prohibitive. This partnership will help us make the trip more accessible to all students while providing additional support throughout the planning and travel process.

Another change this year is our mode of transportation. Rather than flying to Washington, D.C., students will travel by train departing from Westwood. The total trip cost is \$1,429 per student, or \$1,325 for students whose families provide their own transportation to the train station, representing a \$104 savings. Traveling by train offers several advantages for our group, including:

- Transitioning from air travel to train transportation decreases the overall cost of the trip, helping us provide a high-quality educational experience at a more affordable price for families.
- Departing by train from Westwood provides a more convenient departure point for students and families and eliminates many of the logistical challenges associated with traveling through an airport.
- Traveling together by train allows students and staff to remain with the group throughout the journey and simplifies the logistics of moving a large group of students.

We are excited to continue this annual tradition and believe that the transition to EF Tours, along with the change from air to train travel, will provide a well-supported, accessible, and meaningful experience for our eighth-grade students.

We respectfully seek the School Committee's support for continuing the annual eighth-grade Washington, D.C. trip under these updated arrangements.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Santosuosso

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TO: Regional School Committee
FROM: Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator
RE: FY27 Gift Approvals
DATE: September 11, 2026

We are requesting approval for the following gifts received by the Dover-Sherborn Regional Schools.

1. Gift of **\$500** received from a Dover-Sherborn family to be utilized by the High School Bridge Program in appreciation for the positive impact access to this program provided their student.
2. Gift of **\$1,200** from DS Hoops as a cost-share arrangement towards the purchase of new player chairs for the High School Basketball program. The existing chairs will be moved to the Middle School for use by the youth basketball program.
3. In-kind gift from Black Cow Ice Cream in Millis of approximately **\$350** of ice cream sundae supplies that were enjoyed during the 6th Grade visit day in August.

We appreciate all the support received from the community.