NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Pursuit of Excellence"

North Reading School Committee
Fiscal Year 2028 Budget Goals

1. Approve a Fiscal Year 2028 (FY28) budget that reflects support of the district's strategic plan, NRPS 2030, and other strategic initiatives;

2. Continue to implement the plan to reduce the kindergarten fees leading toward the eventual goal of providing free Full Day Kindergarten. Explore the next steps to increase access to Universal Free Day Pre-K;

3. Develop strategies to restore and preserve positions and educational support systems that were eliminated or reduced in previous fiscal years while also continuing to move the district forward in alignment with NRPS 2030;

4. Develop strategies to assist with gaining community support of a debt exclusion on the modular replacement project for the existing units at the Hood and Little Schools;

5. Develop strategies to support the need for long term financial sustainability in alignment with NRPS 2030 and the district's educational mission including the potential need to build community support for the approval of a proposition 2 1/2 operating budget override;

6. Continue to collaborate with representatives of the Select Board, Finance Committee, the Town Administrator, and the town's Director of Finance to discuss short- and long-term strategies of supporting operating budgets that may involve a proposition 2 ½ override.

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