

Franklin Public Schools

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Dear FPS Community,

I am following up on two important budget presentations that took place last week. Both presentations outlined the current status of our budget process and provided detailed insights into our financial position.

On March 5, 2024, we presented the FPS Superintendent's Recommended Budget to the School Committee. This budget outlined the need to continue providing an exceptional educational experience to Franklin's students. This model included continuing existing services and adding additional staff to stabilize our system further.

On March 6, 2024, the Town Administrator and Superintendent presented the Preliminary FY25 Budget Model to the Joint Budget Subcommittee, which is made up of members of the School Committee, FinCom, and Town Council. The presentation included important information regarding revenue, expenses, and cost drivers for both the town and the school district, as well as an overview of the Proposition 2 ½ Override process.

As we navigate through this process, we remain committed to effectively advocating for the needs of our schools while strategically planning for a variety of scenarios. It's important to acknowledge the reality of our situation, including discussions surrounding the need for additional funding. If we are unable to obtain the additional funding as recommended, reductions to staffing, programs, and services will likely occur.

On March 19, 2024, the School Committee Budget Hearing will take place at 7:00 p.m. We encourage you to join us and remain engaged throughout the budget process. Also, our FY25 Budget documents will be continuously updated on our website: https://www.franklinps.net/district/school-district-budget/pages/1-fv2025-budget

We will keep you apprised of any further developments. If you have any feedback or considerations, please share via the feedback form. Your understanding and engagement during this process are greatly appreciated.

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Thank you for your continued dedication to our students and our community.

Respectfully,

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