

## **BUDGET PLANNING**

The major portion of income for the operation of the public schools is derived from local property taxes, and the School Committee will attempt to protect the valid interests of the taxpayers.

In establishing budget priorities the School Committee shall seek the involvement of the community and staff. It shall delegate to the Superintendent the responsibility for preparation of the annual operating budget.

Acting under the direction of the Superintendent, the Director of Finance and Operations shall coordinate budget preparation.

As part of budget planning, a timetable shall be prepared so that the proposed budget may be presented to the School Committee in sufficient time for internal review, publication, hearings, and final adoption prior to presentation for action at the Annual Town Meeting.

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