

## ANNUAL BUDGET

The annual budget is the financial expression of the educational program of the school department, and it is aligned with the strategic plan, mission, and vision of the school district.

The budget is more than just a financial instrument and requires on the part of the Committee, the staff, and the community, an orderly and cooperative effort to ensure sound fiscal practices for achieving the educational goals and objectives of the school district.

Public school budgeting is regulated and controlled by legislation, state regulations, and local School Committee requirements. The operating budget for the school district will be prepared and presented in line with state policy and will be developed and refined in accordance with the same requirements.

The Superintendent will serve as budget officer but they may delegate portions of this responsibility to specific. The three general areas of responsibility for the Superintendent as budget officer will be budget preparation, budget presentation, and budget administration.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:34; 71:37 and 71:38N

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