



School Committee Goals

2023 - 2024

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FY2025 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

Before the spring Town Meeting of 2024, the School Committee will develop, communicate, and support a budget that strives to meet the learning and social emotional needs of all students, educators, and staff of the Dedham Public Schools, in a post COVID-19 ESSER-3 funds era. This budget will also address the aging infrastructure and facilities, enhanced summer learning opportunities, and upgraded learning environments. This will include effective listening and communication with district educators and leadership, parents, appropriate Town committees and departments and collective bargaining units. The final FY2025 budget will support ongoing initiatives and strategically prioritized commitments and provide for district improvements planned during the budget cycle.

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT

By the spring of 2024, the Dedham School Committee in conjunction with the School Building Rehabilitation Committee (SBRC) will bring forward a successful vote for funding of the new elementary school project. The School Committee will use clear, effective communication and collaboration with Town Meeting Members, voters, and parents to demonstrate the academic advantages, cost, and student benefits of this new 21st century facility.

SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

The School Committee will leverage monthly reports on safe, supportive, inclusive schools and school environments to make budgetary recommendations, inform policy decisions, and evaluate future programming to support a more equitable and safe climate for all students. These reports will be on topics including, but not limited to attendance, academic achievement, school safety, discipline, extracurricular participation, special education that analyze equitable allocation of resources to support learning for all students, with a particular eye toward high needs and low incidence groups. These reports will also evaluate any disproportionalities regarding student engagement and success in academic and extracurricular experiences.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT

The School Committee will establish systems and structures to facilitate clear, relevant and timely communication with the Superintendent. These structures will provide committee members pathways for both accessing and disseminating information to the Superintendent and her team.