

LEXINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RECOMMENDED FY 2016 BUDGET GUIDELINES

In order to provide for the educational needs of Lexington students, the Superintendent will develop a fiscal year 2016 budget that will:

1. Ensure all legal mandates will be met.
2. Include sufficient operating and capital funds to –
 - (a) continue the current level of services;
 - (b) be responsive to projected enrollment growth and corresponding needs: staffing, instructional supplies, and facility needs; and
 - (c) move the district forward in meeting the increasing demands for technology in our different education settings.
3. Ensure professional staffing guidelines will be met.
4. Maintain capital assets in order to support the instructional program, protect the physical assets of the Town of Lexington, and ensure the health and safety of our students and staff.
5. Continue to identify and plan alternatives that will provide services in more cost-effective ways.
6. Identify ways to reduce costs, if there are not sufficient monies available to fund a level-service budget.
7. Identify a small number of high leverage new academic or prosocial programs or supports.
8. Reduce reliance on parent fundraisers for core educational materials.
9. Review the adequacy of department and/or school per pupil expenditure levels and recommend changes if needed.