

LEXINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RECOMMENDED FY 2017 BUDGET GUIDELINES

In order to provide for the educational needs of Lexington students, the Superintendent will develop a fiscal year 2017 budget that will:

1. Ensure all legal and contractual 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;
 - (c) move the district forward in meeting the increasing demands for technology and technology services in our different educational 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 insufficient monies available to fund a level-service budget.
7. Identify a small number of high leverage new academic or prosocial programs or supports in anticipation of the potential elimination of Thursday afternoon half-days at the elementary level, as a result of the potential implementation of a World Language program in FY2018 at the elementary level.
8. Identify those funds necessary, should the district adapt a re-districting plan that addresses space needs for all students, as well as feeder patterns for special education programs.
9. Complete year two (of two) addressing adequacy of department and/or school per pupil expenditure levels