

LEXINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FY 2019 BUDGET GUIDELINES

In order to provide for the educational needs of Lexington students, the Superintendent will develop a fiscal year 2019 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;
 - (d) implement a capital plan to expand school capacity to meet rising enrollment.
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 existing services and programs 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 funds and strategies necessary to implement diversity hiring initiatives and increase cultural competency as recommended in the 2020 Vision Committee's report.
8. Identify ways to address the social/emotional needs of our students, consistent with the School Committee and Board of Selectman's goal of identifying a community response protocol for at-risk/crisis situations.
9. Continue to identify methods and approaches to leverage project-based learning implementations throughout the district.

10. Continue work to identify alternatives and improvements to school schedules at all levels, including alternative implementations of world language and health education at the elementary level.
11. Identify funds and strategies necessary to improve our new administrator induction program, a requirement of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
12. Identify funds necessary to address hardware and network impacts for final year of phase-in plan for computer-based MCAS testing.
13. Identify costs, impacts, and develop an implementation plan associated with changes in school start times.
14. Conduct a comprehensive program review, develop a plan, identify funds, and strategies necessary to address the needs of Technology throughout the District.
15. Identify funds necessary to develop a multi-year comprehensive Strategic Plan for the district.
16. Identify funds to continue the research and implementation of graduation requirements.

Approved by the School Committee on September 5, 2017