

The Public Schools of Southborough



(PreK-8)

FY 2026 Amended Approved Budget

Presentation to:
The Southborough School Committee

March 12, 2025



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FY'24

Approved:
\$23,173,426
\$888,983
3.99%



Level Services

- ELA K-5 Curriculum Resources
- ST Mathematics K-5
- Mathematics Screening & Diagnostic Assessment
- ELD Kindergarten Curriculum
- World Language

FY'25

Approved:
\$24,258,964
\$1,194,546
5.18%



Level Services

- Middle School ELA Curriculum Resources
- SEL Curriculum
- Technology Upgrades
- Middle School Mathematics Curriculum
- World Language

FY'26

Approved:
\$25,196,911
\$937,947
3.87%



Level Services

- Mathematics K-5 Curriculum Resources
- 1.0 FTE Mathematics Specialist
- 1.0 FTE ELD Teacher

Class sizes, student experiences, and high quality staffing

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Educationally Sound and Fiscally Responsible

Option 1: No Change to Approved Budget

Option 2: Amend the Approved Budget

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FY'26

Amended Approved:
\$25,112,786
\$853,822
3.52%



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Budget Drivers

01

- Transportation
 - K-8

02

- Reduction of Grants
 - Federal Title Grants and IDEA

03

- Salaries
 - Teacher Salaries
 - Special Education Salaries

04

- Instructional Resources
 - Technology - Devices
 - Curriculum

05

- School Facilities
 - Building Maintenance
 - Grounds

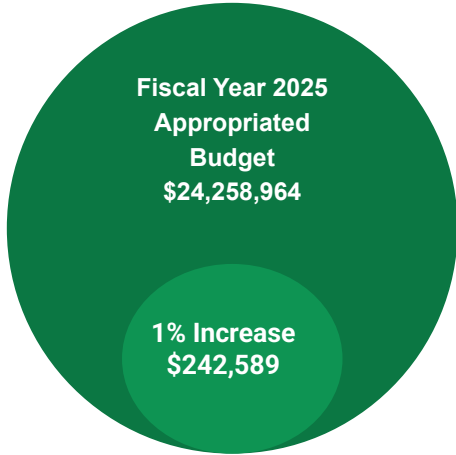
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- Student Services
 - Out of District Placements

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Percent Increase



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Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Process

Budget Process (FY'25 - \$24,258,964)	Budget	Increase from FY25	%	Reduction
Initial Budget Requests (Oct)	\$27,335,867	\$3,076,903	12.68%	(\$1,394,701)
Preliminary Budget (Dec)	\$25,941,166	\$1,682,202	6.93%	(\$734,659)
Revised Preliminary Budget (Jan)	\$25,206,507	\$947,543	3.91%	(\$9,596)
School Committee Approved Budget (Feb)	\$25,196,911	\$937,947	3.87%	(\$84,125)
Amended Approved Budget (March)	\$25,112,786	\$853,822	3.52%	

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Fiscal Year 2026 Offsets to Amended Approved Budget

Budget Reduction	Amount of Reduction
ELD Teacher (New Position)	(\$82,723)
Various Line Items	(\$18,500)
Science Curriculum Resources (New Curriculum Resources)	(\$12,270)
Transportation	\$29,368
Total:	\$84,125

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Amended Approved FY 2026 Budget*	\$25,112,786
Appropriated FY 2025 Budget	\$24,258,964
Amended Approved Budget Increase*	\$853,822
*Amended Approved FY26 Budget Increase is 3.52%	

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Fiscal Year 2026 Staffing Reductions and Elimination of New Positions

Positions Not In Budget:

Instructional Technology Specialist (Reduction)	\$118,820
World Language Educator (Not Added)	\$82,723
Educator Support Professional (Reduction)	\$32,100
Librarians/Media Center (Reduction)	\$113,997
English Language Development Educator (Not Added)	\$82,723
Total	\$430,363

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Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Process - Next Steps



Preliminary Budget Presented to School Committee

Approval of FY26 Budget Priorities

School Committee Approval of FY26 Capital Plan

Ongoing Budget Review and Revisions

Meeting with Town's Capital Planning Committee

Superintendent's Revised Preliminary Budget

Superintendent's Recommended Budget

School Committee Vote FY26 Budget

Southborough School Committee, Advisory, SelectBoard, and Capital Planning Joint Meeting

Public Hearing at School Committee Meeting

Southborough Town Meeting