

Wellesley Public Schools School Committee Operating and STTI Budget Guidelines FY2014

The following general guidelines are meant to assist the School Administration in preparing the budget for FY2014. The School Committee (SC) encourages the School Administration to continue its sensitivity to the Town of Wellesley's fiscal short and long-term challenges and strive to develop a budget within the Board of Selectmen's recommended guidelines while balancing the expectations of the community to provide an educational system which meets our core values of Academic Excellence, Cooperative and Caring Relationships, Respect for Human Differences and Commitment to Community.

With the reorganization of the Facilities Maintenance Department (FMD) to the Board of Selectmen (BOS), the School Administration and SC will work collaboratively with the FMD and BOS to develop an FMD operating and capital budget that supports the *Standard of Building Maintenance and Care* as outlined in the School Committee policy dated 9/27/2005.

Budget Guidelines

- Meets legal mandates.
- Supports the achievement of our system goals.
 - Offers appropriate regular and special education programs and services.
 - Supports enrollment increases and/or decreases by maintaining class size guidelines and student options accordingly.
 - Supports the recruitment, hiring, retention and professional development of quality professional and other instructional and administrative staff
 - Provide adequate supplies and equipment to support the educational program.
- Achieves all the foregoing objectives in the most efficient and cost effective manner.
- Develop a budget that
 - Level Service: Sustains a level service program and identifies efficiencies and cost savings.
 - District Priorities: Addresses critical areas beyond level service in the following areas:
 - Math and Science;
 - Narrowing the Achievement Gap;
 - The mandated Educator Evaluation System;
 - Professional development to support the above areas.
 - Other Critical Needs: Addresses other critical needs.