

TO: School Committee

FROM: Tim Piwowar, Superintendent

DATE: February 23, 2026

RE: Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Update

At the February 5, 2025 meeting of the Westwood School Committee, [we discussed three scenarios for the Fiscal Year 2027 budget](#) that would modify [the original budget that was presented on January 21, 2026](#). I want to thank both the Committee for their continued engagement and advocacy during the budget process on behalf of our students, and our Town Administrator, Town staff, and the Select Board for their willingness to work together to come to an amicable resolution to this year's budget process.

As we discussed at the conclusion of the February 5 meeting, Scenario 2 is the option that strikes the best balance between the educational needs of the district and our fiscal responsibility to the Westwood community. This scenario increases the budget by \$352,400 from our originally proposed budget, and restores the three elementary classroom reductions at Downey, Martha Jones, and Sheehan, and adds an additional teacher at Pine Hill to address class size issues at the elementary level districtwide.

It is my recommendation that at the February 23 meeting that the Committee vote to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 budget of \$61,648,582 as presented and amended by Scenario 2, including the fee structures for preschool tuition, transportation fees, athletic fees, and Extended Day as originally proposed.

It is my recommendation that the Committee also vote to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 annual capital budget as originally proposed at \$1,280,000.

Thank you, and I will be happy to answer any questions at our meeting on February 23.