Members of the Westwood Public Schools Community:

At last week's School Committee meeting, I presented the proposed Superintendent's FY25 Budget for next school year. For those interested, the executive summary of the budget can be found <u>here</u>, and a video of the presentation is available on Westwood Media Center's Youtube <u>page</u> (the budget presentation starts at 12:00).

We believe that this budget strikes the right balance between allowing us to move forward with our strategic district priorities for students while maintaining our fiscal responsibility to the community and its residents. We encourage your feedback and thoughts, and please feel free to send me any comments or questions at tpiwowar@westwood.k12.ma.us.

In addition, the School Committee will hold its annual public budget hearing at their meeting on Thursday, February 8. This hearing provides an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the budget prior to the Committee's deliberations. After public comment and its own deliberations, the School Committee will vote on whether to accept the proposed budget.

Following the School Committee's vote, the budget will then be presented and discussed at a series of meetings of the Finance and Warrant Commission over the coming months prior to the Annual Town Meeting on May 6.

Sincerely,

Tim Piwowar Superintendent