



Weston Public Schools
Office of the Superintendent
William S. McKersie, Ph.D.

MEMORANDUM

TO: WPS Families and Staff

FROM: William S. McKersie, Ph.D., Superintendent

DATE: January 8, 2021

RE: FY 22 Operating & Capital Budget Review Process Underway

The WPS Board of Education has launched the FY 22 Operating & Capital Budget Review Process. Last evening, the Leadership Team submitted to the BOE the Requested FY 22 Budgets. The Operating Budget request totals \$56,222,651. This is an increase of 3.81 percent (or \$2,061,209) from the FY 21 Operating Budget. The Capital Budget Request totals \$897,560.

- Full copies of the Requested FY 22 Budgets are available at this link: [2021-2022 Requested Budget of Expenditures](#)
- The Opening Presentation (PowerPoint) of the Requested Budget is available at this link: [January 7th Budget Presentation](#)
- The WPS Strategic Outcome and Goals for 2020-21 are available at this link: [2020-2021 Goals and Outcomes](#)

The BOE will be intensively reviewing the Requested Budget across January as it moves to the decision deadline of January 28, 2021. The Budget Review meetings are conducted in public via Zoom and are accessible via live-streaming on YouTube. Each session is recorded and publicly posted for future viewing. Time for Public Comment is provided as posted in all sessions other than the Budget Workshops. The schedule is as follows:

- Budget Presentation -- January 7, 2021 (Public Comment)
- BOE Budget Workshop -- January 8, 2021
- BOE Written Questions Submitted to Superintendent -- January 12, 2021
- PTO District-Wide Presentation -- January 13, 2021
- BOE Budget Workshop -- January 14, 2021
- BOE Public Forum on Budget -- January 21, 2021 (Public Comment)
- BOE Budget Workshop -- January 25, 2021
- BOE Approval of Recommended Budget -- January 26 or 28, 2021 (Public Comment)
- BOE Transmits Recommended FY 22 Operating & Capital Budgets to Board of Selectmen -- January 29, 2021 (February 3, 2021 Deadline per Town of Weston Charter)

The YouTube Link to access the live-stream is available here: [WPS BOE Livestream](#). Instructions for how to submit Public Comments are posted with the WPS Google Calendar item for each meeting.

After necessary modifications in funding levels or content by the Board of Education, the Recommended FY 22 Operating & Capital Budget moves to review and decision making by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and the Town of Weston. The schedule for these steps are as follows:

- Board of Selectmen Review -- February 16 & 25, 2021
- Board of Finance Review -- March 8 & 9, 2021
- Board of Finance Public Review -- March 30 & 31, 2021
- Board of Finance Deliberations -- April 6, 2021
- All Town Budget Meeting -- April 21, 2021
- Town of Weston Budget Referendum -- May 1, 2021

To be clear, the WPS FY 22 Operating & Capital Budgets will be finalized on May 1, 2021, following the Town of Weston Budget Referendum. The Leadership Team looks forward to working collaboratively over the next several months with the Board of Education and each Town of Weston governing body to finalize FY 22 Operating and Capital Budgets that advance Weston's record of educational excellence and comprehensive opportunities and support for all students.