



SUDBURY SELECT BOARD
MONDAY JANUARY 23, 2023
7:00 PM, ZOOM
JOINT MEETING WITH
SUDBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Please click the link below to join the virtual meeting:
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Item #	Time	Action	Item
	7:00 PM		CALL TO ORDER
MISCELLANEOUS			
1.		<i>VOTE</i>	Vote to open a joint meeting with Sudbury Public School Committee to discuss School Committee Letter from January 9, 2023
2.			Vote to close meeting with Sudbury Public School Committee.

These agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Some items may be taken out of order or not be taken up at all. The Chair will strive to honor timed items as best as possible, however, the estimated timing may occasionally be inaccurate.



January 9, 2023

Dear Sudbury Select Board,

On December 22, 2022, the Sudbury School Committee unanimously voted to approve the Superintendent's recommended budget of \$43,976,163. This exceeds the Town Manager guidance by \$745,460. The School Committee has completed a lengthy and thorough budget process which included reviewing District-wide academic and mental health data. The Committee is in full agreement that this budget and the resources it provides are necessary to address academic recovery and the critical mental health needs of our students. There are also several additional budget pressures we are facing. The District absorbed a 20% increase in transportation costs which continues to rise each year at a rate of 5% (\$275,000), a 14% increase in Out-Of-District tuition rates which are set by the State (\$200,00), and we are looking at approximately \$300,000 in increased utility expenses.

We respect the Town's decision not to fund our request to increase the budget guidance for Sudbury Public Schools. If that were to change in any way, the School Committee, on behalf of the students, would be incredibly grateful. Outside of an overall increase to the operating budget, we are left with an override being the only option to meet the critical needs of the students in front of us today. It is with the best interest of our students at the forefront of this request that we ask that you vote to approve the addition of a \$745,460 override to be placed on the ballot following the 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

The School Committee's number one priority is the students and we also take our fiduciary responsibility to the community very seriously. We have exhausted all avenues and funding sources available to us to reduce the budget gap and burden to the taxpayers. With that said, we ask that the override for Sudbury Public Schools is a stand-alone and remains independent on the ballot of any override requests that may be made by the Town.

We thank you for your time and consideration. It is our hope that you will join us in also supporting the students and the schools in the community in which you serve.

Sincerely,
Sudbury School Committee
Silvia Nersessian, Chair
Meredith Gerson, Vice Chair
Nicole Burnard
Mandy Sim
Sarah Troiano