

LEXINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FY08 BUDGET GUIDELINES

In order to provide for the educational needs of Lexington students, the Superintendent will develop a fiscal year 08 budget that will:

1. Continue the current level of services with the understanding the School Committee will consider equal-cost substitutions in the recommended budget with all assumptions clearly defined.
2. Provide the school committee with a list of budget alternatives that:
 - a. Restore essential educational services lost due to the override vote.
 - b. Identify ways to reduce the budget, if there are not sufficient monies available to fund a level-service budget.
3. Ensure all legal mandates will be met.
4. Ensure professional staffing guidelines will be met.
5. Continue to identify alternatives which will provide services in more cost-effective ways (e.g., build more in-house capacity to avoid some special education out-of-district costs, reduce energy consumption, explore the cost-effectiveness of lease-purchasing some special education vans, find less expensive means of purchasing some products).
6. Maintain capital assets in order to support the instructional program, protect the physical assets of the Town of Lexington, and to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff.
7. In addition, the School Committee will meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss ways to fund unanticipated special education costs.

Approved by the Lexington School Committee on October 3, 2006.