

#### Public Forum Supt Recommended FY11 Budget January 4, 2010

### **Mission Statement**

Personal and civic responsibility, love of learning, and empathy for others: ≻ these are the qualities that the Wayland Public Schools seek to instill in its students. At its core, our mission is to provide a rigorous and stimulating academic environment that promotes the acquisition of knowledge and skills. Yet we deem it equally important to nurture self-confident, collaborative, and conscientious individuals. We strive to create a climate where risk-taking is safeguarded, open expression is encouraged, and free association is protected. Our goal is to advance our students' growth into principled, informed, and capable citizens who will help guide a democracy that follows humanitarian principles in the global forum, and shape a just society where individuals may reach their full potential.

### Agenda

- What are our budget principles?
- What has been the evolution of the FY11 budget to date?
- What is our FY11 budget guideline?
- What is the Superintendent's recommended FY11 budget?
- If approved, what are the potential major changes?
- If approved, what are the capital requests?
- What are the next steps for the budget process?
- What are your thoughts?

### What are the School Committee's Budget Principles?

- Deliver a high-quality educational program
- Place highest priority on personnel and keep reductions as far from the students as possible
- Provide continued review of curriculum
- Respect fiscal priorities of the town
- Base non-personnel budget on needs, without benefit of a contingency fund
- Advocate for most urgent capital needs

## What has been the evolution of the FY11 budget to date?

- August Administrators discussed FY11 budget at retreat
- October Finance Committee provided budget guideline
- Oct/Nov WPS developed building level and central office budgets
- Dec/Jan Supt presented budget to School Comm
   SC discusses proposed budget
- January SC presents final budget to Finance Committee

What is the School District FY11 budget guideline?

#### Calculation of FY11 budget guideline

\$ 31,111,713
 \$ 410,000
 Add estimate for contracted steps & lanes
 \$ 55,000
 \$ 31,576,713
 Add estimate for utility increases
 \$ Subtotal

\$ 1,190,000
\$ 30,386,713

Subtract school's share of proj. shortfall **FY11 budget guideline\*\*** 

\*\* After subtracting offsets.

What is the Superintendent's Recommended FY11 Budget?

- Meets Finance Committee's FY11 budget guideline of \$30,386,713
- Represents \$725,000 or 2.33% below current FY10 budget
- Increases offsets by \$ 53,500\*\*
- Includes significant capital request for technology
- \*\* Offsets are revenue generated from fees and transfers to reduce the budget so that the amount paid for by taxation is lower.

#### Elementary

- 2 additional classrooms (5<sup>th</sup> grade at Happy Hollow and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Claypit)
- 1 fewer kindergarten classrooms (1 teacher & 1 TA)
- 1 fewer librarian but add 1 library assistant position (1 librarian and 1 assistant will service 2 ½ schools)
- .4 FTE reduction in math curriculum specialist but increase curriculum specialists' secretary hours
- 2 TAs positions eliminated (designated as subs)
- .2 FTE guidance counselor added at Happy Hollow
- 3 SPED TAs added (1 at Happy Hollow and 2 at Claypit)
- 1 SPED secretary position eliminated at Loker

- Middle School
  - I fewer cluster at 6<sup>th</sup> grade (4 teachers and 1 house stipend)
  - Latin not offered in 7<sup>th</sup> grade (ultimately phased out at Middle School in FY12)
  - .5 FTE reduction in librarian position
  - .1 FTE reduction in Athletic Director position
  - Add SPED TA but reduce # of hours of SPED secretary by 2.5 hours/week

#### High School

- 1 FTE science teacher reduction (1 of 3 Environmental Science sections will not be offered and doubling up of science classes may be limited)
- 1 FTE english teacher reduction (increase caseload from approx. 85 students to 95)
- .5 FTE classical studies teacher reduction
- .4 FTE world language teacher reduction (increase class size but not necessarily reduce # of offerings)
- .5 FTE guidance position eliminated
- .4 FTE art teacher reduction (increase class size but not necessarily reduce # of offerings)
- .4 FTE Athletic Director position reduction but increase # hours for Athletic Director secretary
- 1 fewer winter track coaches, 1 tennis assistant coach and 1 wrestling assistant coach

- High School
  - 9 clubs eliminated, offered with no stipend position or consolidated with remaining clubs (Musical, French, Media Services, Outdoors, Spanish, Asian Cultures, Business Careers, SADD, Amnesty International)
  - 3 department secretary positions eliminated (services supported by "copy center")
  - 1 guidance secretary position eliminated
  - 1 Academic Center TA position eliminated
  - 1 student supervisor position eliminated
  - .25 FTE SPED teacher reduction but add 2 SPED TAs (1 @ 30 hrs/wk and 1 @ 5.2 hrs/wk)
  - Reduced administrative summer work time

#### District-wide

- .5 FTE benefits administrative position eliminated
- I K-12 library/media department head stipend position eliminated
- 2 additional SPED TAs at Children's Way
- Change certain offsets
  - Increase athletic fees at high school by \$25 to \$250/season
  - Increase fee-based transfer by \$50,000
  - Increase SPED circuit breaker by \$10,000
  - Eliminate parking fee at high school
  - Reduce elementary music fee transfer by \$12,500 to be in line with actuals
  - Assess swimming/diving fee to cover rental of pool (\$16,000) and diving well (\$1,200)
  - Add concert fee revenue of \$7,500
  - Increase student transportation fee transfer by \$3,000
  - Add Literary Institute transfer of \$10,000

## If approved, what will be the capital requests?

#### Technology Capital Request - \$750,000

- \$100,000 Fiber installation @ High School, Central Office & Claypit, including Town Building, Police and Library)
- \$150,000 Teacher laptop initiative @ Happy Hollow, Claypit and SPED teachers
- \$200,000 Replacement of 50% of out-dated computers (200 computers)
- \$100,000 Network expansion, including additional switches and access points, and upgrade for Central Office
- \$150,000 Student laptop initiative (200 high school students)
- \$50,000 Peripherals, including projectors, interactive whiteboards, printers, iPods, etc.
- No Other Capital Requests

# What are the next steps for the budget process?

- January 4<sup>th</sup> -
- January 11<sup>th</sup>-
- January 14<sup>th</sup>-
- January 15<sup>th</sup>-
- January 26<sup>th</sup>-
- March 22nd-

Budget work session

Budget work session and Finance Committee capital meeting

Budget work session, if needed

Submit School Committee recommended budget to Finance Committee

- Present School Committee recommended budget to Finance Committee
- School Committee budget hearing

### What are your thoughts?

#### Discussion