

Superintendent Update

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Budget Update

At the Operations Meeting on Monday, April 17, 2017, the Board of Education discussed the funding gap between their original request and the amount that was recommended by the Mayor. Based on the latest financial information, the Board of Education needs to identify \$1,269,298 in reductions.

At the meeting, the Board of Education considered the following reductions.

- Eliminate of All Strategic Plan Requests
- Eliminate the Cafeteria Subsidy
- Reduce 4 Teachers as a Result of Enrollment Decreases
- Level Fund School Allocations for Supplies
- Eliminate Donation for Mentor Program
- Institute Pay to Participate Summer World Language Programming
- Level Fund Maintenance Budget

The above reductions for consideration equal \$1,127,872. As a result, \$163,351 still remains to be reduced.

Central Office staff continues to review all information in an effort to close the funding gap. We are confident that we do this without compromising programming for students.

I want to thank all of the staff in the district for their continued support during this challenging time. I know this year is just the beginning of several years that will require our district to look at how we service students differently in order to meet the financial reality that lies ahead.

Over the next three weeks, there are several important meetings that everyone is invited to attend.

Thursday, April 20, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – Town Budget Hearing – Town Hall

Thursday, April 27, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – BOE Budget Hearing – Town Hall

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Town Budget Vote – Town Hall

If you have any suggestions, please feel free to email them to wpsboe@wallingfordschools.org.