



Uxbridge Public Schools

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Dear School Committee, Faculty and Staff, and Residents:

On Tuesday, March 7, 2017, the administration reduced the Superintendent's FY18 needs-based budget by \$155,106 to make it \$22,096,428. This leaves a budget deficit of \$711,036 as compared to the Town Manager's recommended school budget of \$21,385,392. The School Committee voted 6-0 to submit a Town Meeting warrant article requesting an operational tax override for the Uxbridge Public Schools in the amount of \$623,018.

If the tax override does not pass in the spring, it is projected that over \$700,000 in staffing and programs will be cut from the FY18 Budget. The School Committee requested that administration provide budget reduction option in the event the override fails. Please see the reduction options on the following pages.

The administration is very sensitive to the inclusion of athletics and activities funding as early considerations for potential reductions. In no way are we suggesting that we do not offer athletics and activities. We are fully committed to assisting the community to fund as many of these programs as we can if the override fails. Given the budget deficits the Uxbridge Public Schools have seen in recent years and forecast for the foreseeable future, there is no way for administration not to include these programs as potential general fund reductions when we have high priority instructional services for teachers and students listed as potential cuts as well.

These are very difficult considerations to suggest, but we are extremely limited in our available options to close a deficit of \$711,036. The positions, our people behind these positions, and our programs are highly valued. We remain hopeful that sacrifices will be limited to ensure that our current and future students will have a quality, well-rounded school experience as did the children who came before them.

Discussion and debate will continue at the upcoming School Committee meetings on March 21, April 4, and May 2. Please stay tuned for more information and consider attending these important meetings.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Carney
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If NO Override Passes

Administration's recommendations to the School Committee

Middle School Sports	\$48,865	(parents would need to fund)
UHS Sports	\$253,983	(parents would need to fund)
Student Activities	\$30,068	(parents would need to fund)
.5 MMS Secretary	\$15,000	
.5 UHS Secretary	\$15,000	
2.0 Reading Specialists	\$112,708	
1.0 Math Specialist	\$61,593	
1.0 Grade 4 Teacher	\$78,723	(25 students per room)
Independence Project	\$35,000	(move into UHS)
1.0 Asst. Principal	\$80,000	(New Request)
Subtotal:	\$730,940	

If A \$623,018 Override Passed

Positions and Programs that would still need to be considered as budget cuts if override passed.

Reduce MMS Sports	\$48,865
Reduce Student Activities	\$30,068
Reduce .5 MMS Secretary	\$15,000

OTHER options for the School Committee to consider

1.0 Math Coordinator	\$56,798	
1.0 Gr. 1 Teacher	\$78,082	[25 students per rm]
1.0 Gr. 2 Teacher	\$81,596	[25 students per rm]
1.0 Gr. 3 Teacher	\$60,844	[28 students per rm]
1.0 Gr. 5 Teacher	\$78,723	[28 students per rm]
1.0 Gr. 6 Teacher	\$62,974	[29 students per rm]
Curriculum	\$40,000	(No PD support for Literacy Action Plan)