

## **Voted FY25 Budget Guidelines**

In recognition of the current budget constraints for the town of Acton, the ABRSC would like to see the district develop two budget models: one which is responsive to an Acton Town override and is considerate to the town of Boxborough, and one that meets a balanced ALG model should an override not pass. The committee recognizes that a 3% assessment will translate into drastic cuts to our current service model. The committee is still committed to the strategic goals set for our schools and we will continue to prioritize those as budgets permit. We will continue to advocate broadly for the resources needed to provide an equitable and exemplary education for our students.

Considering the size of the budget gap to close for FY25, the committee understands that all areas for savings need to be considered. Cuts in areas that don't directly affect students should be evaluated first. The committee recognizes that it is necessary to be open to cuts that do have a direct effect on students and the district strategic goals. It is requested that the Administration provide some reference to the scope and scale these cuts will have on student learning and strategic goals.

The following items are a summary of the strategic goals for the district as referenced in previous budget guidelines.

Ensure students have access to a robust system of supports for their:

- a. Social emotional, mental and behavioral health needs
- b. Academic needs

Continue to fund work to promote all students' sense of belonging through a strong and inclusive school climate and culture.

Provide resources that continue to address disproportionate outcomes for students who have been historically underserved by schools.