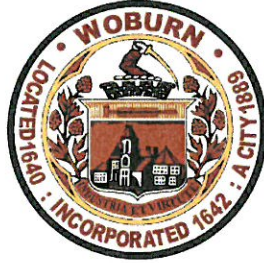


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To the Woburn School Community:

You may already be aware that the School Committee was notified at our meeting on April 10, 2019, of a deficit in the projected Fiscal Year 2020 Woburn Public Schools budget. The Committee was informed that we are forecasting expenses that exceed projected revenue in the amount of \$2.9 million. There are several factors that have contributed to this challenging budget including increased expenses for our out of district special education spending, its associated transportation costs, and our contractual obligations. Please know that we are legally and morally responsible for the programming of all children with disabilities and this will not be diminished in any way. As a public school district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Woburn is not alone in facing these rising costs.

Moving forward, please know that the district is working collaboratively with our local and state officials to do all that we can to rectify this situation and ensure that this challenge has as minimal impact on the teaching and learning that occurs daily in our school system. Woburn has always provided quality educational programming for our students and there is no intention of interrupting the progress that has been made in recent years.

Lastly, please note that social media can be a source of information, and at times, misinformation. The best and most accurate place for information regarding the school district is from the district itself. It is my intent to be transparent and keep you all informed with real information every step of the way.

Thank you for all you do every day for our kids, and I hope that you enjoy April vacation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Crowley", written over a white background.

Matthew T. Crowley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools