

Proposed framework for Budget Communications:

Values: Transparency- Modernization- Ease of Comprehension

Budget presentations should cover four main content areas: Who are we? What does public education cost? What outcome do we get for the costs? Where we need to improve/invest in the future?

Who are We?

1. Town and school district demographics, including town population, student and staff, with pie chart for current year and/or trend lines to show change over time
2. Core mission and values: *briefly stated*

What public education costs?

1. The school Budget is the greatest thing that we invest in: Town Budget/School Budget
2. Diversified income for total school budget: Total School Budget/TM appropriation
3. Trend for the Total School Budget and TM appropriation over time.
4. Outside funding options (we pursue every avenue of funding that is available, but, in general outside sources do not keep up with inflation and some are temporary)
5. Comparison of budget/income to other similar towns.

What outcomes do we get for the costs? *Aligned with Clear.Gov*

1. Break down of school expenditures by category
2. Student focused outcome: grad rates, MCAS results, college matriculation, national ratings. (Need input from administration/ need to align with state standards)
3. Areas to monitor for change: college grad rates, evaluation technology, innovations in learning, stress management/SEL, SPED outcomes

Where do we need to invest/improve for the future?

1. Needs for buildings/grounds
2. Future population shifts/growth
3. *Maybe this is where we should include comparisons to other towns- re:projecting future revenue needs*

APPENDIX for questions:

- 1) *number of employees, trends, number of teachers*
- 2) *SPED expenditures- detail*
- 3) *teacher salaries, trends, comparisons*