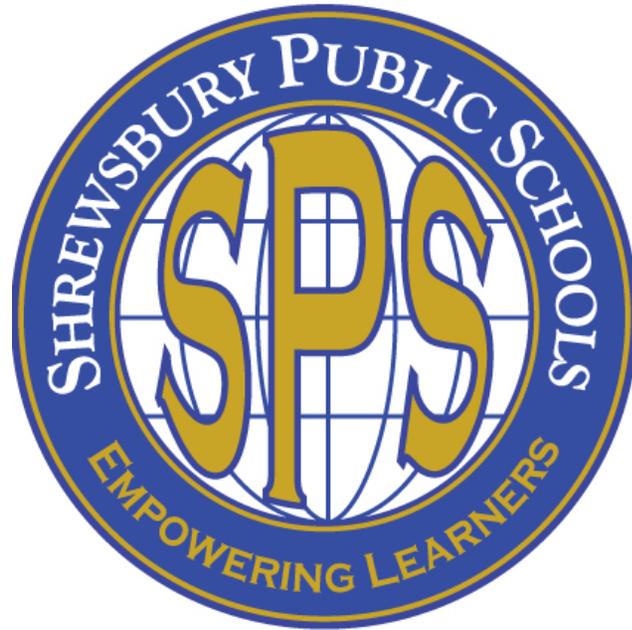


Shrewsbury Public Schools



**State of the District
January 27, 2021**

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The quality of education in the Shrewsbury Public Schools is in serious jeopardy.

We have a strong vision



We have important priorities

Strategic Priorities 2018-2022



We have a community-supported solution to our elementary school space needs



We have a longstanding structural funding dilemma

“I believe that our community will not have sufficient financial resources to fund this budget plan.”

— Superintendent’s budget message January 20, 2016

(Slide used in budget presentations where reductions were required for the 2016-2017 school year)

We have a longstanding structural funding dilemma

What will our community do to solve the structural funding dilemma that jeopardizes the future quality of public education in Shrewsbury?

(Question that has been posed in multiple SPS budget presentations beginning in 2018)

The future possibility of significantly compromised educational quality is now dangerously close to becoming our reality

What will our community do to solve the structural funding dilemma that jeopardizes the future quality of public education in Shrewsbury?

What we need

Transparency

Advocacy

Leadership

What we need

Transparency to build trust

Advocacy for what our kids & educators need

*Leadership to do what's right for our children and
our community*