

## **NANTUCKET PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **BUDGET DIRECTIVES - FISCAL YEAR 2024**

**Presented to the School Committee – September 20, 2022**

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- Recommend 2023-24 budget needs that are linked to district and school goals.
- Justification of the building and system-wide budgets for 2023-2024 must be based upon projected enrollments and curricular needs.
- For 2023-2024, all projected staff increases and/or newly recommended programs shall be offset by existing staff and programs, unless the anticipated appropriation goes beyond what is needed to fund collective bargaining agreements.
- Ask school and district administrators and their staff to identify essential services for their students.
- Continue to support programs that sustain the physical, social, and emotional development of our children, especially considering long-term effects presented by the pandemic.
- Focus on Professional Development that supports and improves equity and access for all students in our schools to create stronger inclusivity for our diverse student body.
- Tap revenue streams other than the operating budget, such as federal and state grant opportunities.
- Develop all budgets to reflect actual expenditures more closely in the last three years. Continue to monitor line-item transfers.
- Budget utility expenses to reflect actual expenditures more closely in the last three years. Provide reports on usage, allowing for a better understanding of which users/programs are generating cost increases.
- Continue to monitor Food Service and Nantucket Community School finances to reduce expenditures and raise revenues in order to ensure that the programs do not run in a deficit.
- Continue budget development discussions with Town officials, the Finance Committee, and the Select Board through the Town Ad-Hoc Budget Workgroup.
- The district will be proactive in promoting support for its FY 2023-2024 budget through the media, public forums and other committee meetings.