

Middleton Elementary Schools



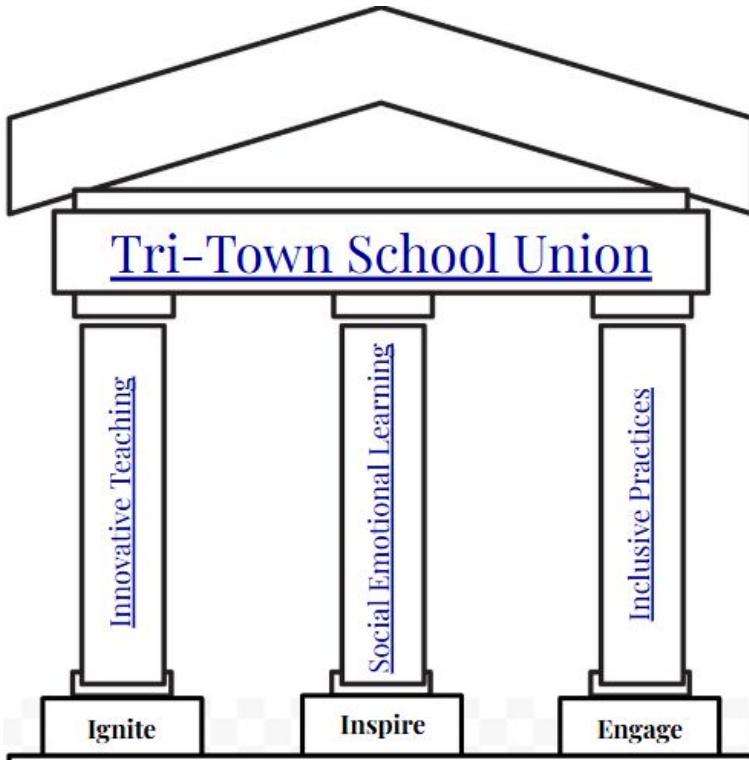
**FY2026
Proposed
Budget**

What is Our Why?



Nurture and realize a dynamic learning environment where creative thinkers and innovative problem-solvers develop the empathy, resilience, perseverance, self-management, and kindness needed to positively impact the world.

How we Accomplish the “Why”



Innovative Teaching Practices

- Cultivate creativity, problem-solving, and innovation within our students and staff.

Social-Emotional Well-Being

- Develop and strengthen students' self-management, social awareness, self-efficacy, and a growth mindset to be successful.

Inclusive Practices

- Recognize, respect, and welcome the individuality of students and staff and embrace new ideas and thinking.

Understanding the Middleton Elementary School Budget and Budget Process

The operating budget is the fiscal plan that supports the educational programs and initiatives approved by the School Committee.

This fiscal plan consists of personnel costs, educational supplies and equipment, professional development, special education, support services, and facilities.

Revenue to support the operating budget comes from the local appropriation, state and federal grants, and revolving funds.

Budget: Where We've Been (FY25)

FY25 Proposed Enhancement Override
\$375,000



- Instructional Interventions
- Specialist Programming
- Classroom Sectioning
- Student Support Personnel

This override did not pass and these enhancements to the student educational program did not happen.

Budget: Where We're Headed (FY26)

FY26: \$537,276 Override Request for Level Service

FY26: What has already been reduced to bring override to \$537,276

- Classroom Section (1.0 FTE reduction)
- Instructional Salaries (levels audit)
- Retirement Savings
- Technology Hardware
- Note: Additional funding of \$133,145 from Special Education Stabilization (to be recommended by Finance Committee)

FY26: What would be eliminated if override fails at Town Meeting and/or the Ballot

- Classroom Section (1.0 FTE reduction)
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- Special Education Teacher (.70 FTE reduction)
- Special Education Teacher (1.0 FTE reduction)
- Reading Teacher (1.0 FTE reduction)
- Instrumental Music (0.3 FTE reduction)
- Asst. Principal (0.3 FTE reduction)
- Administrative Salaries
- Instructional Aides
- Overall Consumables