



TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CHRISTOPHER J. MALONE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Meeting Type/Time: Executive Session #11 (6:30PM)

Meeting Type/Time: Organizational Meeting (7:00PM)

Meeting Type/Time: Regular Meeting #11 (7:15PM)

Meeting Location: Tewksbury Memorial High School, Large Group Instruction Rm 1, 320 Pleasant St

A. CALL TO ORDER (6:30PM)

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Non-Public Session

Move to convene an Executive Session to continue discussion relative to strategy with respect to contract bargaining or litigation. The School Committee will reconvene in Open Session following the Executive Session.

C. ADJOURN

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER by SUPERINTENDENT (7:00PM)

B. ANNOUNCEMENT

The April 10, 2019 School Committee meeting will be televised and recorded. Under the Open Meeting Law, the public is permitted to make an audio or video recording of an open session at a public meeting. At this time, I would ask if anyone is recording tonight's meeting to please identify himself/herself.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PRIMARY ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. Chairperson
- b. Vice-Chairperson
- c. Clerk

E. ADJOURN

REGULAR MEETING #11

A. CALL TO ORDER (7:15PM)

B. RECOGNITION

District-wide Outstanding Volunteers / Senior Tax Program Participants (See attached list)

Tewksbury Memorial High School - Athletics (See attached list)

- 1. Methuen-Tewksbury Girls Ice Hockey Team - Division 1 State Champions
- 2. Boston Globe and Boston Herald All Scholastic Recipients

C. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Grace Morris, Student Council Representative to the School Committee

D. PRESENTATIONS

None

E. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Citizens are asked to limit comments related to items on the agenda to five (5) minutes or ten (10) if spokesperson is representing a group concern.)

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. March 20, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (File)

- G. SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF BILL**
 - 1. Payroll Period Ending, March 21, 2019 (\$1,348,630.84) (File)
 - 2. Payroll Period Ending, April 4, 2019 (1,369,876.47) (File)
- H. SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF REPORT**
- I. CONSENT AGENDA *(itemized on page 3)***
- J. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - Elementary School Building Committee
 - Tewksbury Education Foundation
 - Wellness Advisory Committee
- K. POLICY CHANGES, PROPOSALS, and ADOPTION**
 - Policies Recommended to Review and/or Revise as a Result of Legal Changes, Changes in Practice, or Updating of Language to Reflect Modern Needs**
 - Recommended Revisions to Tewksbury Public Schools' Policy on Second and Final Reading (File)**
JEB- Entrance Age
 - Recommended Revision to Tewksbury Public Schools' Policy on First Reading (File)**
JF- School Admissions
- L. OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. FY20 Budget Review Approval (File)
- M. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Last Day of School (File)
 - 2. 2019-2020 Register Periods (File)
 - 3. School Choice (File)
- N. SCHOOL COMMITTEE MATTERS OF INTEREST**
- O. FUTURE SCHOOL COMMITTEE & FUTURE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**
 - May 15, 2019; June 12, 2019
- P. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Tewksbury School Committee Consent Agenda

Superintendent of Schools
Christopher J. Malone
cmalone@tewbury.k12.ma.us

Tewksbury School Committee
Jamey A. Cutelis, Vice-Chairman, jcutelis@tewbury.k12.ma.us
Keith M. Sullivan, Clerk, ksullivan@tewbury.k12.ma.us
Dennis G. Francis, dfrancis@tewbury.k12.ma.us

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Correspondence

None

Enrollment Update

None

Monthly Expenditure Report

None

Personnel Items

New Hires: Katie Poulipoulos (\$19,940.00/*prorated*), Classroom Instructional Aide, Tewksbury Memorial High School, effective March 25, 2019.

Appendix B: None

Leave of Absence: Lauren Auciello, Special Education Teacher, Ryan Elementary School, leave of absence for the 2019-2020 school year with a return to work date on the first day of the 2020-2021 school year.

Transfer: None

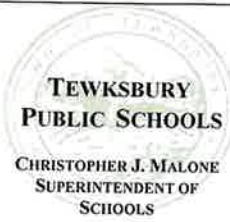
Retirements/Resignations/Terminations: Kaleigh O'Connor, Classroom Instructional Aide, Dewing Elementary School, effective March 29, 2019

Out-of-State Field Trips: John Wynn Middle School out-of-state 8th grade field trip request to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH, on June 12th, 2019.

Acceptance of Donation/Gift: Ryan School PAC donation of 24 new Chromebook laptops for the Ryan School, valued at \$5,376.

Fundraiser/Raffle: TMHS Dance Team clinic fundraiser request, proceeds to support purchase of costumes and scholarships, April 28, 2019; TMHS Track & XC Boosters mattress sale fundraiser request, on April 13, 2019; Dewing/North Street PAC reusable shopping bags fundraiser request, April 1, 2019 through April 12, 2019.

Executive Session



TEWKSBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA

Meeting Type/Time: Executive Session #11 – Non-Public Session at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Meeting Location: Tewksbury Memorial High School, Guidance Conference Room
320 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Continued discussion relative to collective bargaining with employee groups and the strategy to be followed and/or continued ongoing litigation. The School Committee will reconvene in Open Session following the Executive Session.

C. ADJOURNMENT

Recognition
and/or
Presentations

Tewksbury School Committee - April 10, 2019

RECOGNITIONS

SENIOR TAX PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Loella F. Dewing School

Harriet Cohen Patricia Doucette
Joan Graham Marguerite Hurley
Christine Noyes

Heath Brook School

Mary Ann Barnes Marianne Decelles
Carole Friedman Susanne Pederson
Dorothy Sampson

North Street School

Sue Flammia
Marilyn Mallett

Louise Davy Trahan Elementary School

David Barletta
Carol Ferry

John Ryan Elementary School

Tom McNaught

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

Loella F. Dewing Elementary School

Valerie Ashe
Stacey Gugliuzza
Karen Pistone

Heath Brook School

Kathy Bardsley
Amy Cason
Gretchen Wurst

North Street School

Sheila Castillo Shannon Cardoso
Liane Daigle Sue Flammia
Claire Hewitt Jeanne Hogan
Stephanie Kinnon Kelly Pasquariello
Tracy Torra

Louise Davy Trahan Elementary School

Kayla Biagioni-Smith Karla Branchaud
Lisa Driscoll Bridget Garabedian
Anna Kaiser Kristi Obie
Julie Naughton Lauren Stewart

John Ryan Elementary School

Genia Carroll Erin Claycomb
Deb Contardi Shannon Engel
Bridget Garabedian Paige Impink
Debbie Johnson Christine Mangan
Heidi Mello Christine Paquette
Jen Stanton Tania Sullivan
Melissa Thompson Heather Tuxbury
Renee Viens Becky Watchorn

John Wynn Middle School

Lori Carriere

Tewksbury Memorial High School

Lenny Hunnell

Tewksbury Memorial High School - Outstanding Athletes

Boston Globe All-Scholastic & Boston Herald All-Scholastic

Makayla Paige - Indoor Track

Boston Herald All-Scholastic

Erin Gallella - Girls Basketball

Boston Herald All-Scholastic

Michael Arsenault - Boys Ice Hockey

Boston Globe All-Scholastic & Boston Herald All-Scholastic

Cassidy Gruning - Girls Ice Hockey

Julia Masotta - Girls Ice Hockey

Boston Globe All-Scholastic

Kaia Hollingsworth - Girls Ice Hockey

Massachusetts Division 1 State Champions - Methuen-Tewksbury Girls Ice Hockey Team

Name	Position	Grade
Ryan Quinn	Forward	11
Cassidy Gruning (A)	Forward	12
Lydia Pendleton	Forward	11
Katelyn DiMambro	Forward	11
Brenna Greene (A)	Defense	11
Kylie Winsor	Forward	9
Julia Stanizzi	Forward	10
Jessica Driscoll	Forward	9
Tori Schille	Defense	11
Tory Sweeney	Forward / Defense	10
Megan Forbes (A)	Defense	12
Abby O'Keefe	Forward	11
Julia Masotta (A)	Forward	12
Carolyn Curley (C)	Forward	12
Madi Sjostedt	Defense	11
Madison Robillard	Defense	10
Alexis Raymond	Defense	10
Kaia Hollingsworth	Goalie	11
Michelle Kusmaul	Goalie	9
Melvelyn Espinal	Manager	

Head Coach: Sarah Oteri

Assistants: Jessica Greenwood, Dave O'Hearn

Captains: Carolyn Curley, Megan Forbes, Brenna Greene, Julia Masotta, Cassidy Gruning

Minutes

Payroll

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Tewksbury, Massachusetts

Date **3/21/2019**

I move the School Department Payroll for the period ending
to be approved and certified in the amounts and categories as shown for
a total amount of **\$1,348,630.84**

GRANTS

\$24,395.75	2018-2019	Special Ed 240 Grant
\$7,213.25	2017-2018	Title I Grant
	2018-2019	Title II Grant
\$3,596.02	2018-2019	21st Century Grant
	2018-2019	Innovation Pathways Grant

REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

\$28,484.91	2018-2019	Ext Day Program
\$12,892.08	2018-2019	Ext Day Preschool Program
\$29.00	2018-2019	Community Services Recreation
\$1,357.83	2018-2019	Adult Education Program
\$803.00	2018-2019	Wynn Athletic Intramurals
\$24,415.32	2018-2019	Lunch Program
\$86.25	2018-2019	Ryan Clubs
\$7,732.54	2018-2019	Facilities
\$4,828.86	2018-2019	Recreation
\$628.98	2018-2019	Parking Fees
\$1,590.00	2018-2019	TMHS Clubs
\$2,965.88	2018-2019	Preschool

\$121,019.67 SUB TOTAL - NON LEA FUNDS

LEA FUNDS

\$1,227,611.17 2018-2019 School Department Account

\$1,348,630.84 TOTAL

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Tewksbury, Massachusetts

Date **4/4/2019**

I move the School Department Payroll for the period ending
to be approved and certified in the amounts and categories as shown for
a total amount of **\$1,369,876.47**

GRANTS

\$24,636.05	2018-2019	Special Ed 240 Grant
\$5,784.59	2017-2018	Title I Grant
	2018-2019	Title II Grant
\$1,839.59	2018-2019	21st Century Grant
\$320.40	2018-2019	High Quality Grant

REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

\$30,837.67	2018-2019	Ext Day Program
\$15,747.09	2018-2019	Ext Day Preschool Program
\$115.00	2018-2019	Community Services Recreation
\$2,152.51	2018-2019	Adult Education Program
\$75.00	2018-2019	Ryan Clubs
\$26,512.15	2018-2019	Lunch Program
\$803.00	2018-2019	Wynn Clubs
\$20,899.39	2018-2019	Facilities
\$1,438.17	2018-2019	Recreation
\$628.98	2018-2019	Parking Fees
	2018-2019	TMHS Clubs
\$2,965.88	2018-2019	Preschool

\$134,755.47 SUB TOTAL - NON LEA FUNDS

LEA FUNDS

\$1,235,121.00 2018-2019 School Department Account

\$1,369,876.47 TOTAL

Superintendent/
Staff /School
Committee
Reports

Consent Agenda



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To: Superintendent Malone

From: John Weir

Date: April 3, 2019

Re: Request for out of state field trip

This memo is in support of the attached request submitted by Mr. Bilodeau and Ms Scully. I support this fifth annual trip to Canobie Lake as a fun and positive field trip for 8th grade students to close out their successful two years at the Wynn Middle School. Thank you for your consideration.

TPS Mission Statement:

To educate and challenge all learners in the Tewksbury Public School Community while supporting their development as well prepared and productive members of a diverse global society.

3/25/19

Dear Superintendent Malone,

We are writing on behalf of the Wynn Student Council. After the success of the last four years, the students are eager to attend what we hope to be our fifth annual eighth grade Canobie Lake Park trip.

With school tentatively set to end on June 14th, we will request our trip date be set for Wednesday, June 12th, with a rain date of Tuesday, June 11th. The exact date would be determined at the beginning of the week based on weather conditions. We would leave as soon as the buses could pick us up, around 8:30, and have a pickup time of 1:00, with a return time to the school of approximately 1:45.

The total cost of tickets and buses is approximately \$33, but we are hoping that Student Council fundraisers throughout the year will help bring the cost closer to \$25. We hope to do this again, and we thank you for supporting us in this successful endeavor.

Joshua Bilodeau and Maggie Scully
Student Council Advisors
J.W.Wynn Middle School




A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CP'.

MEMORANDUM

Christine Paquette

APR 2 '19 AM 9:53


ryanschoolpac@gmail.com

TO: Tewksbury School Committee
CC: Judi McInnes
FROM: Christine Paquette Ryan School PAC Co Chair
DATE: April 1, 2019
SUBJECT: PAC Donation Acceptance Request

The Ryan PAC would like to donate 24 new Chrome Book laptops for the Ryan School. Purchased with PAC raised funds totaling \$5,376. On behalf of the Ryan PAC and the Ryan School families, I request your acceptance for the donation of these items.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know. Thank you.

Christine Paquette

CC: Principal Judi McInnes

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Request for Fundraising

01

File: JJE-E

Date: 3/25/19 T.M.H.S.

APR 2 '19 AM 10:59

1. Name of Organization Dance Team

2. Describe in detail the method of the fundraising activity. Attach additional information necessary.

Dance Team clinic [redacted]

3. School location and facilities desired (cafetorium, cafeteria, classroom, gymnasium). tmhs gym/dance room
Please send Use of Facilities Form to Nancy O'Hare (TMHS)/Patricia Meuse (K-8 Schools) ✓

4. Purpose of anticipated funds (To be approved by the building principal.)

Purchase costumes & fund scholarships for dance team

5. Proposed dates of fund raising activity From 4/28/19 to _____

6. Describe student involvement in the fund raising activity. Dance Team

members will teach classes and run the clinic.

7. Type of identifying credential to be used during Fund Raising Activity. Dance Team

Warm-ups.

8. Is there a contract or agreement to be signed. Yes _____ No

9. Name of responsible individual Kayla McLaughlin

Address [redacted]

Telephone No. [redacted] Signature of Applicant Kayla McLaughlin

(To be completed by the School Principal)

Date 3/28/19

1. Your request for permission to raise funds is Approved Disapproved (Circle)

2. Reason for disapproval _____

3. You are authorized to begin the activity on _____

4. You are to submit a written narrative describing the amount of money raised and the funds not later than thirty (30) days after the ending date as shown above.

5. Comments by the principal: _____

6. Copy sent to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. Yes No (Circle)

Principal's Signature [Signature] Date 3/28/19

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Request for Fundraising

File: JJE-E

Date: 3-11-19

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1. Name of Organization TMHS Track & XC Boosters

2. Describe in detail the method of the fundraising activity. Attach additional information necessary.
Mattress Sale in Cafe of TMHS

3. School location and facilities desired (cafetorium cafeteria classroom, gymnasium).
Please send Use of Facilities Form to Nancy O'Hare (TMHS)/Patricia Meuse (K-8 Schools)

4. Purpose of anticipated funds (To be approved by the building principal.)
As determined by booster Mission: Support TMHS track/xc Athletes

5. Proposed dates of fund raising activity From 4/13/19 To 4/13/19

6. Describe student involvement in the fund raising activity. Spreading Awareness via social media & helping welcome day of

7. Type of identifying credential to be used during Fund Raising Activity. NONE

8. Is there a contract or agreement to be signed. Yes No

9. Name of responsible individual Peter Molloy

Address 320 Pleasant St Tewksbury MA

Telephone No. [REDACTED] Signature of Applicant Peter Molloy

(To be completed by the School Principal)

Date 3/19/19

1. Your request for permission to raise funds is Approved Disapproved (Circle)

2. Reason for disapproval _____

3. You are authorized to begin the activity on _____

4. You are to submit a written narrative describing the amount of money raised and the funds not later than thirty (30) days after the ending date as shown above.

5. Comments by the principal: _____

6. Copy sent to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. Yes No (Circle)

Principal's Signature [Signature] Date 3/19/19

3/19/2019

Request for Fundraising

Page 2 of 2

Date 3/19/19

1. Name of Organization Dewing + North St. PACs

2. Describe in detail the method of the fundraising activity. Attach additional information necessary.
Selling reusable shopping bags \$5/bag

3. School location and facilities desired (cafetorium, cafeteria, classroom, gymnasium).

Please send Use of Facilities Form to Nancy O'Hare (TMHS)/Patricia Meuse (K-8 Schools)

4. Purpose of anticipated funds (To be approved by the building principal.)

Ongoing PAC initiatives

5. Proposed dates of fund raising activity From 4/1/19 To 4/12/19

6. Describe student involvement in the fund raising activity. Order form will go home. Families can place order if so desired.

7. Type of identifying credential to be used during Fund Raising Activity. n/a

8. Is there a contract or agreement to be signed. Yes _____ No

9. Name of responsible individual Monica Johnson

Address 1469 Andover St Tewksbury MA 01874

Telephone No. [REDACTED] Signature of Applicant [Signature]

(To be completed by the School Principal)

Date 3/22/19

1. Your request for permission to raise funds is Approved Disapproved (Circle)

2. Reason for disapproval _____

3. You are authorized to begin the activity on April 1

4. You are to submit a written narrative describing the amount of money raised and the funds not later than thirty (30) days after the ending date as shown above.

5. Comments by the principal: _____

6. Copy sent to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. Yes _____ No (Circle)

Principal's Signature [Signature] Date 3/22/19

Policy

File: JEB - ENTRANCE AGE FOR KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY GRADES

Kindergarten and Elementary Grades

I. A child who will be 5 years of age on or before August 31st, will be eligible to enter kindergarten for that school year. A child who will be 6 years of age on or before August 31st, will be eligible to enter the 1st grade.

II. Underage children who seek to transfer to our first grade from another public or private school outside of Tewksbury prior to the first day of school, will be allowed to do so provided:

- the parents or legal guardians did not reside in Tewksbury during the time the child was enrolled in kindergarten in another public or private school
- the child has been recommended for promotion from kindergarten by the public or private school
- the public school in which the private school kindergarten is located accepts children into their first grade.

III. Tewksbury Public Schools does not have a waiver policy regarding the kindergarten and first grade entrance age requirements.

IV. Any underage child who requests to enter the 2nd grade or above will be allowed to do so provided he or she has attended a bonafide previous grade and is recommended for promotion.

High School Upper-End Age

Any student who is 18 years of age or older seeking admission to Tewksbury Public Schools, with inadequate or no prior academic credits, will be referred to programs offered locally or at Massachusetts' Community Colleges. Special Education students between the ages of 18 and 21 will be assigned on a case-by-case basis in accordance with their Individual Education Plans.

Revised: May 14, 2014

Revised: June 13, 2018

Revised: February 27, 2019

Revised:

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. [15:1G](#)

603 CMR 8.00

File: JF - SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

All children of school age who reside in the town will be entitled to attend the public schools.

Advance registration for prospective kindergarten students will take place in April. Every student seeking admission to school for the first time must present a birth certificate or equivalent proof of age acceptable to the principal, proof of vaccination and immunizations as required by the state and the Tewksbury School Committee. Proof of residency of legal guardianship may also be required by the school administration.

Revised: January 18, 1996

Revised: May 14, 2014

SOURCE: MASC Policy

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. [15:1G](#); [76:1](#); [76:5](#); [76:15](#); [76:15A](#)

603 CMR [26:00](#)

CROSS REFS.: [JLCA](#), Physical Examination of Students

[JLCB](#), Inoculations of Students

JFBB, School Choice

JFBB-1, School Choice

Old Business



Tewksbury Public Schools

MEMORANDUM

To: School Committee Members
From: Christopher J. Malone
Superintendent of Schools
Date: April 5, 2019
Re: Approval of FY20 Tewksbury Public Schools' Budget

This Requires a Roll Call Vote

At the request of the Business Manager, David Libby, and keeping in-line with the Town Manager's recommended budget for the Tewksbury Public Schools, I recommend the Tewksbury School Committee approve the FY20 Budget of \$62,479,769.

New Business



Tewksbury Public Schools

MEMORANDUM

To: School Committee Members
From: Christopher J. Malone
Superintendent of Schools
Date: April 5, 2019
Re: Last Day of School for the 2018-2019 School Year

This Requires a Roll Call Vote

The Tewksbury Public Schools 2018-2019 School Calendar included five snow days with an anticipated last day of school on June 20, 2019. The school district used one (1) snow day on March 4, 2019. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent for the last day of school to be June 14, 2019.

This is a half-day of school adhering to the early release schedule as follows:

Tewksbury Memorial High School	10:40 a.m.
John Wynn Middle School	10:50 a.m.
John Ryan Elementary School	11:25 a.m.
Elementary Schools	12:10 p.m.

Tewksbury Public Schools

139 Pleasant Street
Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876



DRAFT

TO: All Staff
FROM: Christopher J. Malone
Superintendent of Schools
RE: Register Periods

The following register periods will be adhered to by all schools. Thank you for your cooperation.

2019-2020 REGISTER PERIODS

Term 1: August 28 – November 1, 2019 (44 Days)		Term 2: November 4 – January 17, 2020 (44 Days)	
Significant Dates	Function	Significant Dates	Function
October 01, 2019	Midterm	December 06, 2019	Midterm
October 08, 2019	Progress Report Information due by close of school day	December 13, 2019	Progress Report Information due by close of school day
October 09, 2019	Progress Reports Posted on Aspen	December 16, 2019	Progress Reports Posted on Aspen
November 01, 2019	Attendance and marking period end	January 17, 2020	Attendance and marking period end
November 13, 2019	Report card information sent to Data Processing	January 29, 2020	Report card information sent to Data Processing
November 15, 2019	Report cards will be issued	January 31, 2020	Report cards will be issued
November 15, 2019	Special Education Progress Reports issued	January 31, 2020	Special Education Progress Reports issued

Term 3: January 21– April 1, 2020 (47 Days)		Term 4: April 2 – June 19, 2020 (45+5*Days)	
Significant Dates	Function	Significant Dates	Function
February 27, 2020	Midterm	May 08, 2020	Midterm (Seniors: May 1, 2020)
March 05, 2020	Progress Report Information due by close of school day	May 15, 2020	Progress Report Information due by close of school day
March 06, 2020	Progress Reports Posted on Aspen	May 18, 2020	Progress Reports Posted on Aspen
April 01, 2020	Attendance and marking period end	TBD	Attendance and marking period end
April 15, 2020	Report card information sent to Data Processing	TBD	Report card information sent to Data Processing
April 17, 2020	Report cards will be issued	K-6 Last day	Report cards will be issued
April 17, 2020	Special Education Progress Reports issued	GR 7-12 June 26, 2020	Report cards will be mailed
		TBD	All Special Education Progress issued last day of school

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

Tewksbury Public Schools

139 Pleasant Street
Tewksbury, MA 01876

MEMORANDUM

To: Tewksbury School Committee
From: Christopher J. Malone, Superintendent
Date: April 5, 2019
Re: 2019-2020 School Choice

This Requires a Roll Call Vote

The Educational Reform Act of 1993 requires the School Committee to take an annual vote relative to participation in the School Choice Program. The Act also requires the Superintendent to notify the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) of the action taken by the School Committee. This notification must be sent prior to June 1st.

I am recommending the School Committee vote not to participate in the School Choice Program. I am offering this recommendation in consideration of the following reasons:

- Declining enrollment and the uncertainty of continued operation of our schools
- Increased enrollment at Tewksbury Memorial High School

Thank you for your consideration.