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PRESS RELEASE

Town of Marshfield Announces Agreement on FY2026 School Budget

Marshfield, MA – March 17, 2025 – Town Administrator Michael Maresco and School Superintendent Patrick Sullivan are pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached to fund the Marshfield Public Schools at \$60,336,636 for Fiscal Year 2026, reflecting a 4.57% increase over FY2025.

The agreement was finalized during a meeting this morning in the Town Administrator's Office, attended by Superintendent Patrick Sullivan, Town Administrator Michael Maresco, Select Board Chair Lynne Fidler, School Committee Chair Sean Costello, Assistant Superintendent for Business Administration Tom Miller, School Committee Member Kendra Stetson, Treasurer/Collector Shaun Strobel and Town Accountant Meg LaMay. This agreement was reached with the involvement of Lynne Fidler and Sean Costello, who helped bridge the gap.

FY2026 School Budget Highlights:

- School Committee's FY2026 Budget Request (Published in Warrant): \$60,798,942
- Advisory/Town Administrator Recommended Budget (Published in Warrant): \$59,705,002
- Free Cash Allocations for Schools (\$631,634 Total):
 - o School Transportation: \$19,254
 - o School Medicaid: \$236,130
 - o School Chromebooks: \$276,250
 - o School Classroom Technology: \$100,000

Total School Allocation for FY2026:

\$60,336,636 (4.57% increase over FY2025)

At the conclusion of the meeting, all parties committed to improving communication and agreed to reconvene over the summer to explore additional financial strategies as planning begins for the FY2027 budget.