

Raymond School District

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I respectfully present our school budget for the 2022-2023 school year. The development of this budget is the result of a collaborative effort of our entire administrative team. It is our goal to create a budget that will support our district goals, while looking for opportunities to create efficiencies within our district. The challenge for any school district is to do the hard work of creating efficiencies without compromising the services and education we provide to our students.

I believe the budget before you is fiscally conservative without having an adverse effect on our ability to perform and move our programs forward next year. As with other budgets in the past, our goal is to continue to do our best to maintain appropriate class sizes, support professional development opportunities for staff, and provide the necessary materials for our students to ensure they will be successful upon graduation.

I recognize the financial obligations a school department places on the community. I also know that public education is still the best investment a town can make to ensure the community's overall success. As we continue to work through the lingering effects of the pandemic, our focus must be on funding a district that will enhance academic achievement and support the personal resilience of our students and staff. We recognize there are academic and social emotional needs facing our students and as a district we will meet this challenge.

Our 2022-2023 budget will continue the work of our district in keeping our mission and vision moving forward and will support the District's five-year strategic plan. We will focus FY23 funds to continue the creation of a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff in our district.

A final note, the budget being presented to you on November 30, 2021 has not received a final vote by School Board. This is in part due to information we needed on tax rates and revenues arriving to us in a format that needed further explanation. I am confident that the School Board will vote to move this budget forward on December 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

Dr. David DeRuosi, Jr

Interim Superintendent