

IPSWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Office of the Superintendent

PURPOSES OF SCHOOL BUDGET OVERRIDE

The School Committee seeks to restore the following programs, services and positions to the school budget in order to provide a quality, well-rounded educational experience for all Ipswich students. The total override request is **\$1,491,000**.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF - 11 professional staff positions (\$595,000)

- Maintain appropriate class size in elementary grades
- Keep teachers teaching in their content areas (teachers trained in Science – teaching Science, etc.) at the secondary level
- Restore library and technology education district wide
- Restore 4th grade elementary instrumental music and art instruction to FY08 level
- Provide appropriate counseling ratios
- Support special education programming and instruction

OTHER STAFF – 5.5 support staff positions (\$151,000)

- Continue to support library and technology services district wide
- Keeps the HS/MS open for the community to use during the weekends
- Supplement elementary reading instruction
- Retain School Resource Officer position

CO-CURRICULAR AND TUTORIAL (\$190,000)

- Restore K-12 extra-curricular clubs and programs
- Support inter-scholastic athletics currently funded by donations
- Provide essential MCAS support in order to achieve mandated progress requirements

TECHNOLOGY AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (\$250,000)

- Replace non-functioning computers and other technology
- Upgrade instructional software
- Replace out of date textbooks and purchase needed instructional materials

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF (\$100,000)

- Support staff development for curriculum, instruction, coordination and implementation of K-12 programs
- Allows the district to meet all state and federal certification requirements for professional staff

TRANSPORTATION (\$155,000)

- Restore transportation services to FY04 level (1 ½ mile for secondary and ¾ mile for elementary)

BUILDING OPERATIONS (\$50,000)

- Replace ageing maintenance equipment
- Purchase necessary supplies and materials