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Wayland School Committee (SC) Newsletter

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At the January 10, 2024 SC meeting:

- SC was joined by the High School principal and interim Middle School principal for review of the **FY25 High School, Middle School, and Athletics budget portions**. The proposed budget includes, amongst other items: 1) funding of the **Innovation Pathways** program, which was initially started with grant funds and is an applied learning program providing an alternative to traditional learning at the high school; 2) continuing the **Spanish Immersion** program into sixth grade (this is the first class to enter the middle school of the program); and 3) the first year of transitioning high school **hockey** into the operating budget over the next four (4) years.
- It was also mentioned that the District's **building and maintenance needs** far outweigh those items that are currently proposed in the FY25 Capital Budget.
- The **Student Services/Special Education portion of the FY25 budget** will be presented on January 17.
- Regular meetings continue with respect to **maintenance of the High School turf field, but positive news is that the floating of the field has stopped** and in turn, crumb rubber has ceased washing off the confines of the field during heavy rains.
- Pursuant to Policy IJOA, **SC approval is required for the 7th and 8th grade field trips** proposed for this school year. Interim MS Principal, Tyler Steffey, presented the proposed plans for each of the field trips. The theme of the 8th grade multi-day trips is "Embracing Connections" and is proposed to include teacher-led visits to various local memorials in Boston, the Edward M. Kennedy Institute, volunteering in Wayland elementary schools, and entertainment shows. The proposed 7th grade multi-day trips focus on the environment with visits to Cape Cod, the Harbor Islands, and MetroWest. Continued discussion of the proposals will continue at Wednesday's SC Meeting on January 17th.