

Policy: DBD

DETERMINATION OF BUDGET PRIORITIES

The Board regards the budget as a means of achieving its goal of providing the best possible educational program for the students in M.S.A.D. #44. In keeping with that goal, the Board will seek to provide the necessary resources, but recognizes the need to strike a balance between an extraordinary educational program and the District's fiscal resources.

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Board, will determine the budget priorities for the year. The following factors will be considered:

- A. The health and safety of students and staff,
- B. Instructional materials, equipment, and other resources directly related to the District's educational goals, and student achievement of Maine's system of Learning Results,
- C. Contractual, legal, and policy obligations,
- D. Adequate staffing of programs and compensation of employees,
- E. Maintenance of facilities and equipment,
- F. Maintenance of technology resources,
- G. Compliance with Federal and State requirements, including those required for the funding of programs, and
- H. Fiscal resources available from all sources.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the responsibility for the preparation of an annual operating budget consistent with the determined priorities. The Superintendent will involve administrators, department heads, and staff in the budget planning process.

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