

DUXBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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2022-2023 School Committee Goals

Budget Goal: Increase School Committee participation and improve community engagement in DPS budget development.

Over the 2022-2023 school year the School Committee is committed to collaborating with the Superintendent to develop a sustainable budget for Fiscal Year 2024 — and beyond — that meets the needs of all students and that meets community expectations. To accomplish this goal, the School Committee will:

- Create a Subcommittee on Business & Finance, support the Subcommittee's goals, and make space for quarterly Subcommittee progress reports at School Committee meetings.
- In partnership with the Director of Business & Finance and the Finance Committee's Education Liaison, develop a business presentation template that shows the budget impact of programs when presented at School Committee meetings.
- Engage community members in the budget process through two "Budget Forums," and through participation at PTA, School Council, and similar meetings.
- Create a public-facing Budget Development Schedule that shows community members when and how they can participate in the development process.

School Councils Goal: Strengthen the partnership between School Committee and School Councils.

Over the 2022-2023 school year the School Committee will partner with the district's School Councils to collaborate on opportunities of shared interests across individual schools and the district. To accomplish this goal, the School Committee will:

- Assign School Liaison positions to School Committee members and create opportunities for Liaisons to provide reports at School Committee meetings and on the Committee website.

- Invite School Council designees to make quarterly Elementary and Secondary reports (in-person or in-print) at School Committee meetings that highlights successes and areas of opportunities for collaboration with the School Committee.
- In partnership with the School Councils, create a public-facing “communication roadmap” that helps community members ask questions and provide feedback faster and more directly.

Communication Goal: Strengthen School Committee communications with DPS and the Duxbury community.

Over the 2022-2023 school year the School Committee will adopt best practices to create timely and honest communication opportunities with the Superintendent and her leadership team (internal), as well as across the Duxbury community (external). To accomplish this goal, the School Committee will:

- Collaborate with DPS leadership to plan a Fall 2022 MASC workshop on “Effective Communications,” “Effective Meetings,” or a similar training engagement.
- Post meeting presentations, reports, and other materials that are appropriate for public consumption to the School Committee website at least two days in advance of each School Committee meeting.
- Develop an engagement mechanism that allows for two-way dialog between the community and the School Committee.
- Advertise and deliver a community survey that invites community members to provide feedback on improvement opportunities in the area of external communication.

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