

The community can vote now at the City offices on Dorset Street or on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the polls on the School District's proposed budget. The following are some figures to keep in mind when voting:

**Minus 1.2%:** The impact on the property tax rate of the proposed budget for those who pay their taxes based on the property value of their homes. This would be the second year in a row in which the school budget would produce a decrease in property taxes.

**Minus 6.5%:** The impact on the tax rate of the proposed budget for those who pay their property taxes based on their household income.

**Plus 1.69%:** The net increase in District expenditures. A 14.22% increase in non-property tax revenues such as tuition payments from other districts and special education funding offsets the gross increase in expenditures of 4.89%. The net increase is lower than the inflation rate, which is running at over 2%.

And here are a few additional facts to consider:

- A defeated budget will not assist the School Board in its negotiations with the Teachers' Association. The Board is negotiating in good faith and aggressively on behalf of the community's taxpayers as reflected in the Board's proposed terms on salary and health insurance. Community support is needed in this process.
- A defeated budget will not slow or stop the process of changing the school identifier.
- A defeated budget will result in a reduction in staff, programming and student activities, as well as increased elementary school class sizes.

For more information on these issues and on the budget generally, go to the following:

<https://www.sbschools.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1038>