



UPDATE
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Budget Development CALENDAR

Fiscal Year
2028



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September 2026

1	City Finance Director releases forms & calendar to Departments for Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
9	School Committee (SC): - approval of annual budget calendar - discussion of community budget planning involvement (policy DBD) - discussion of (CIP) requests
	B&F: develop DBD implementation

October 2026

14	SC: - confirmation of CIP requests - receive update from Superintendent on enrollment - Approve DBD implementation
TBD	Superintendent brings forward CIP requests to city

November 2026

	Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) meets with Department heads
	SC DBD implementation
	Superintendent calls for budget requests from department heads

December 2026

	CIC votes on CIP, forwards recommendations to Mayor
9	SC Discussion of FY28 budget priorities
	Executive Leadership Team discusses budget requests with Department heads

	School Committee
	Administration
	City
	State

January 2027

27	Governor’s FY28 state budget released
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February 2027

TBD	B&F: - receive FY28 budget development update from Superintendent - discussion of Chapter 70 aid in Governor’s budget
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March 2027

3	CIP due from Mayor to City Council
3	Publication of Superintendent’s proposed FY28 budget
10	SC receives Superintendent’s presentation of proposed FY28 budget
TBD	B&F: discussion of feedback on FY28 budget proposal
15	Annual Public Budget Hearing
24	SC Special Meeting: * approval of FY28 budget
29	Backup date for SC approval (due to Mayor by 04/01/2027)
	Joint Committee on Ways & Means public budget hearings (late winter - early spring)

April 2027

22	Mayor’s proposed FY28 city budget released
TBD	Ways & Means Committee (W&M) budget meetings with Departments
	House debates & approves its proposed budget

May 2027

TBD	W&M meetings continue
19	City Council public hearing re FY28 Operating Budget
	Senate debates & approves its proposed budget

June 2027

9	SC: - FY28 budget update - Approve any necessary budget amendment
	Conference Committee budget House/Senate approval Governor’s vetoes Legislature’s overrides Final Budget by July 1

July 2027

TBD	B&F: develop annual budget calendar for FY29
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August 2027

11	SC: discussion of proposed annual budget calendar
TBD	B&F: - finalize annual budget calendar - discussion of CIP projects existing & upcoming - post-mortem discussion of FY27

Commented [A1]: Last year this was listed in Jan, but I think it makes more sense to do Feb as the gov budget releases at the very end of Jan

Commented [A2]: As of 2026, the charter has been updated so that the mayor’s budget is now due April 22.

“The proposed budget adopted by the School Committee shall be submitted to the Mayor at least 21 days before the date the Mayor is required to submit a proposed City budget to the City Council” – 4/1/27 deadline

Need both a date and backup date for SC approval before the 4/1/27 (Thur) deadline. I’m proposing 3/24 (Wed) for the primary, giving us 3/29 (Mon) as a backup. Alternatively, we could have 3/29 (Mon) as primary, with 3/31 (Wed) backup, but it is cutting it quite close.

At least 21 days before the vote, admin needs to publish the budget in the paper. I have it down as 3/3/27 (21 days before the proposed vote on 3/24).

At least 7 days and no more than 14 days after publishing the budget, we must have a public hearing. I have it proposed for 3/15 (Mon), which at about a week and a half fits in that time frame (avoiding 3/17 Wed because of city council meeting)

Budget presentation at the regular school committee meeting in March, Wed 3/10.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Greenfield School Committee policy on budget planning?

You can find this as policy BDA in the [Fiscal Management section of our policy manual](#) as follows:

The first priority in the development of an annual budget will be the educational welfare of the children in our schools. However, the District will also attempt to balance the valid interest of the taxpayers.

Budget decisions reflect the attitude and philosophy of those charged with the responsibility for educational decision-making. Therefore, a sound budget development process must be established to ensure that the annual operating budget accurately reflects this school district's goals and objectives.

In the budget planning process for the school district, the School Committee will strive to:

- 1. Engage in thorough advance planning, with staff and community involvement, in order to develop budgets and guide expenditures in a manner that will achieve the greatest educational returns and contributions to the educational program in relation to dollars expended.*
- 2. Establish levels of funding that will provide high quality education for all our students.*
- 3. Use the best available techniques for budget development and management. The Superintendent will have overall responsibility for budget preparation, including the construction of, and adherence to, a budget calendar.*

If you'd like to better understand the School Committee's role in budget & finance, check out [these resources](#) from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

How can I share my views with the school administration and School Committee about the development of the budget?

There are many ways you can offer input as a student, parent or general member of the public. We want to hear the views of staff as well, however staff must be mindful of policy [BHC](#) governing staff communications with the committee, which must go through the Superintendent.

Opportunities to share your views include:

- * Email the Superintendent via the [staff directory](#).
- * [Email the School Committee](#)
- * Make public comment at a School Committee meeting, especially at pertinent times outlined in the budget calendar such as September and October about capital improvements, during November and December about development of the next year's operating budget, and during February and early March about the proposed operating budget.
- * Have an interest in a certain school or department? Contact your school principal or department head through the [staff directory](#) to let them know your ideas, especially when individual department budget proposals are under development in the fall for the next year's operating budget. Participating in a School Council is a great way to do this; check the [district calendar](#) for upcoming meetings of the council for each school.

How can I share my views about development of the state budget as it pertains to Chapter 70 local aid to our schools?

Opportunities to share your views include:

- * [Email the Governor's Office |Mass.gov](#)
- * [Contact your state legislators](#)
- * [Provide testimony for public budget hearings in the spring](#)

How can I share my views about development of the city budget as it pertains to our local appropriation to our schools?

- * [Email the Mayor](#)
- * [Find your precinct](#) and contact your [city councilors](#)
- * Make public comment at [City Council meetings](#) at pertinent times such as March, April and May
- * Make public comment at [Ways & Means Committee meetings](#) during April and May