

**ASSUMPTIONS**  
**2020-2021 BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET**

- The Newtown Board of Education’s mission to inspire every student to excel will be the foundation of all decision making.
- Open and honest communication and cooperation will be maintained with other municipal boards and the community throughout the budget process.
- State and Federal financial support of education will not keep pace with increased programming mandates and will be further reduced by legislation and reductions of grants and other supports to local communities.
- Safety, security and health standards will be supported through continued training of staff; e.g., District Security, Safe School Climate, Blood Borne Pathogens, Sexual harassment/Title IX, Mandated reporting, OSHA (Office of Safety and Health Administration).
- Salaries and benefits will be based on commitments incurred through collective bargaining and other employment agreements.
- Existing programs and services will be reviewed, evaluated, maintained or adjusted as the educational needs of students change.
- Overall certified and classified staffing levels will be adjusted based on enrollment, programming, safety factors and facility considerations.

**PRIORITIES**  
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- Support funding for appropriate class sizes at all levels of instruction.
- Continue a level funding plan for expansion and sustainability of technology with access and equity for all students.
- Create a plan for maintenance of facilities and vehicles that includes a budget increase to provide air conditioning capacity in the schools.
- Continue to pursue opportunities to share services, where appropriate, between the Board of Education and all town departments and participate in regional services when they are beneficial to the district.
- Ensure adequate funding for mental health resources to meet student needs
- Ensure adequate funding for special education to meet anticipated enrollment and needs as well as maintain a contingency item in the budget for unanticipated changes in enrollment or needs.
- Ensure consistency in the support for all extracurricular activities in the district.
- Continue to pursue curriculum improvement and innovation in order to ensure that the educational needs of all students are supported.