



CITY OF MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Budget Forum Notes January 12, 2017

Viewed Video: "Did you know in 2028"

Turn and talk→Group Discussion about video

- Diversity-Diverse schools teach our children how to prepare for the future
- Change is inevitable-Children need to be exposed to everything●get ready for the world

Superintendent's Vision Plan reviewed

- Kids have one opportunity to gain an education each year
- Review of budget calendar/timeline
- Believe it can be done
- Chrome-books in all 7-12 grades
- "A globally competitive educational opportunity for every child, every day, in every classroom"
 - Focus Areas
 - Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
 - Social-Emotional Learning
 - 1:1 Chrome book Initiative
 - Supporting the Classroom
 - Fundamental Belief
 - Innovation
 - Resilience
 - Believe it can be done

Open Discussion

- Curriculum in Life Skills/Time Management
- Schools should all be equal
 - Arts
 - Technology
 - Chrome book experience



- Teachers are the best resource after the schools
- Property tax has not gone up in years
 - Override Prop 2.5 example: Arlington
- What do we prioritize
- Parents volunteering at schools

Break Out Groups

- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
 - Foster creativity
 - PBLs and assessment
 - Thinking outside of the box
 - MCAS
 - Lack of dual language
 - "Bi-Literacy" vs SEI
 - Offer K-8 multi languages
 - Music classes
 - Need consistency in K-8 experience/classes
 - Importance of the arts
 - Teaching logic research and processing information
 - Different learning styles
- Social and Emotional Learning
 - Create a Jr high environment
 - Help transition into high school
 - Health teacher in every building
 - More counselors
 - Wrap around services
 - Direct services
 - Internships
 - Peer buddy/buddy benches
- 1:1 Chrome book Initiative
 - Instructional technology
 - How are teachers using these tools and incorporating it into the curriculum?
 - Time Management
 - Help students manage their time
 - People and staffing
 - Most important
 - Base for services in the city
 - More parent involvement in the schools



- Supporting the classroom/Instructional Core
 - Help kids who are struggling
 - Interventions
 - Support them
 - Inform parents about possible programs that need funding
 - Special Educaiton support
 - Support our programs
 - All levels
 - Class size in the elementary schools
 - Materials
 - Books
 - Tools
 - Tech-businesses
 - Extra support
 - Student teachers
 - Partnerships with colleges
 - Teen center tutoring
 - Money for professional development
 - Staffing
 - Preparation time
 - Parent programs to support students
 - Equity of arts, music, foreign language

