

Superintendent's Update

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FROM THE DESK OF MR. MOCCIO...

Budget and Referendum Update

On April 11th, the Annual Town Meeting will be held and I anticipate April 24th will be set as the date of the Town of Stafford Budget Referendum. A 'yes' vote will mean that the town mill rate will increase by 1.83, bringing the total mill rate to 38.59 mills, or a 4.97% increase from this year. This translates to an increase of \$248.19 yearly (\$20.68 monthly) for the median home value (\$135,000). The BOE budget increase is 2.75%, of which only 0.5% is not due to contractual or mandated increases. If the Budget Referendum does not pass, there is a strong likelihood that any resulting reduction will result in cuts to services or programs at the schools. Your vote matters!

Board of Education Policy Update

At the April 1st Board of Education meeting, **Policy 4111/4211 Hiring of Staff** was revised to delineate the hiring of certified versus non-certified staff and details the responsibilities of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools. **Policy 4120/4220 Nepotism** is a new policy and provides guidelines on the hiring of family members of Board members and the Superintendent of Schools. **Policy 4111.1/4211.1 Affirmative Action: Recruitment and Selection** was found to be redundant with existing policies and was repealed.

Each of the policies can be found on the district website or by clicking on the following link: [SPS BOE Policies](#). Please take some time to review each of these important policies.

Happy Spring Vacation

We wish you a restful and refreshing spring vacation April 15th- 19th! In the face of challenging weather and illness, our teachers, students, and families have persisted to keep learning and be engaged! We appreciate everyone's hard work and commitment to our school community.

Let's be sure to finish the year strong after the upcoming spring vacation. When your student is healthy, please reinforce their need to come to school each day school is in session. Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn and connect to peers and their teachers.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

April 11, 2024

*Annual Town Meeting
Town Hall – Veteran's Room
6:00 p.m.*

April 15-19, 2024

*No School for Students
Spring Vacation*

April 24, 2024 (Anticipated)

*Town of Stafford Budget Referendum
Stafford Public Library
6 a.m. to 8 p.m.*

May 6, 2024

*Board of Education Policy Committee
5:30 p.m.
Stafford Elementary School Library

Board of Education Regular Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Stafford Elementary School*

All Board of Education meeting agendas, back-up material, and minutes can be found on the "Upcoming Events" calendar of the district website.

Did you know...

The following people may vote in a town referendum:

- U.S. citizens, 18 years of age or older, who own property in Stafford and are liable for taxes of at least \$1,000 on the property, OR
- Registered voters

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