

# Barrington Public Schools



## Proposed FY19 Operating Budget Modifications

May 10, 2018



## Petitioner's motion:

Move to reduce the Committee on Appropriations proposed school operating budget by \$500,000. This amount will bring the property tax increase below 2%, a level deserved by the taxpayers, particularly after the 8% increase last year. The school operating budget can be reduced by a cooperative effort of the school and municipal management teams. Both sides are well run, but neither is responsible for managing the bottom line that results in the property tax levy. They should set limits on increases then implement trade-offs and cost savings measures to achieve those limits. Instead of competing for resources, they should find ways to reduce cost through sharing of resources in areas such as finance, human resources, facilities, procurement and Information technology.

# Opportunities for Cost Savings



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- Health Insurance Rate renewal comes in <6%
- Review of Trust/West Bay quotes for health insurance
- Review enrollment of class sections
- Collaboration with town Public Works (i.e. vehicle repairs)
- Transportation Efficiency Study
- Review of positions vacated by attrition
- Review of non-Basic Education Program Offerings

# Response to petitioner's motion may include:



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| Elimination of HS Family consumer science program                         | \$88,914         |
| Elimination of MS Family consumer science program                         | \$85,265         |
| Elimination of K-3 Instructional Coach                                    | \$44,892         |
| Savings through (HS) Retirement with part-time replacement                | \$59,598         |
| Teacher Assistant-retirement without replacement                          | \$20,380         |
| Elimination of Freshman Athletics   | \$36,844         |
| High School staff reduction English (enrollment, least senior staff hire) | <u>\$54,693</u>  |
| Subtotal  | \$390,586        |
| Associated Benefits (39%)   | <u>\$152,329</u> |
| Subtotal  | \$542,914        |
| Unemployment Factor   | -\$37,050        |
|   | <b>\$505,864</b> |



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## Discussion/Questions



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