

From the Board of Education and Superintendent
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Introduction to the Budget Season

Residents of Newtown,

As we look at the coming budget season, we feel it is important to communicate with the public and help make you part of the process. An engaged public is the best way to create and pass a budget that reflects the needs and plans of the town.

In order to help you be involved, we would like to introduce you to the budget timeline and let you know where you can get the best budget information. The Board of Education will be providing budget updates where you can get the latest information. Follow [@NewtownBOE](#) or come to the Board of Education offices to pick up the latest "Budget News" newsletter.

The complete schedule for the public budget meetings is attached so that you can come out to hear the various boards deliberate and add your comments during public participation. Dr. Reed is planning to record a few video presentations and hold a series of drop-in office hours to share his views and discuss the budget with the residents of Newtown.

Board of Education Workshop Dates

Jan 21*	Superintendent's Overview of Proposed Budget to BOE, Elem & Reed *(Broadcast Live on Charter 17 @ 6:30pm)
Jan 23	Budget Workshop # 2 - Middle, High School, Pupil Pers & Health
Jan 28	Budget Workshop # 3 - Special Ed, Curriculum, Technology & Gen Svcs
Jan 30	Budget Workshop # 4 - Continuing Ed, Benefits, Plant & Transportation
Feb 4	Budget Workshop # 5 - Public Hearing & Discussion
Feb 6	Budget Workshop # 6 - Adoption of Budget Board
Feb 14	BOE Budget Submitted to Financial Director

Superintendent Drop-In Office Hours 9:30-11:30am

February	1 st , 8 th , 22 nd
March	8 th , 22 nd

Here is the link to the budget calendar:

<http://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/Portals/Newtown/District/docs/BOARD%20OF%20EDUCATION/BOE%20Budgets/2014-2015%20Budgets/Budget%20Calendar%2014-15.Ron.pdf>

It continues to be important to be involved with the budget now having been split into separate questions for the Municipal and Education funding. There will still be advisory questions on the ballot. Being involved with the budget process will help you decide how to vote and best answer those budget questions.

Respectfully,

The Newtown Board of Education

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