

# **Essex Westford School District (EWSD) School Board**

## **Community Budget Engagement Series 2026**

The Essex Westford School District (EWSD) invites all community members, parents, students, and staff to participate in a series of virtual engagement sessions regarding the proposed FY '27 school budget. These sessions are an essential part of our commitment to transparency around financial planning. We will be offering multiple opportunities to understand, discuss, and provide feedback on the budget priorities that shape our students' education.

### **Virtual Meeting Schedule (up to 2 meetings may be in person)**

All sessions will be held virtually via Google Meet and will run for one hour. Up to two meetings may be held in person, location to be announced. The first 10-15 minutes will cover the Topic for that meeting and then the remaining time will be available for community members to ask questions to the Board.

Please join us for any or all of the discussions that interest you.

**Time:** 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM EST

**Platform:** Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/zab-gwgi-yoo>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>January 8th</b>	<b>Budget 101: Understanding the Basics of Vermont Education Funding</b>	An overview of the budget structure, funding sources (State, Federal, Local), and key financial terminology.
<b>January 22th</b>	<b>A First look at the FY'27 EWSD School Budget</b>	Covering the first look at the FY'27 Budget, community members are welcome to come learn more about the budget and ask questions around what has been presented at the Jan 20th EWSD School Board Meeting.

<b>Feb 5th</b>	TBD	Details
<b>Feb 19*</b>	TBD	Details

### How to Participate

1. **Join:** Click the [Google Meet](#) link at 6:30 PM on any scheduled Thursday.
2. **Submit Questions:** If you cannot attend, or wish to submit a question in advance, please email [board-all@ewsd.org](mailto:board-all@ewsd.org) by 4 PM on the day of the session.
3. **Review Materials:** Check out the [EWSD website budget page](#) to see prior board meeting materials and to review the updated FAQ section.

We look forward to your active participation in shaping the future of the Essex Westford School District.