

12/4/20

Dear Community Members-

On Thursday, 12/3/20, the OUUSD School Board met to discuss the school budget. **The board made the decision to keep the budget amount at \$16,780,183.00.** This is the same amount that was voted on in November. **We made NO changes.** The OUUSD School Board believes that this is the amount that is needed to run Oxbow High School, River Bend CTC, Newbury Elementary, Bradford Elementary and support the Orange East Supervisory Union.

We implore you to take the time to watch the recording of last night's meeting. It is available at: https://zoom.us/rec/share/h-H9-8OwzxxHYwvjv49ptgeU2FliZqudTcXxCqyc86QaDzkFS4iWi_UYT_Viw5KBmc.z3G3zRczaOKceQlz Passcode: *7i?fQs!

If you don't have time to watch the entire meeting, please watch the first hour.

NEW WARNED BUDGET INFORMATION:

DATE OF VOTE: January 13th, 2021

AMOUNT WARNED: \$16,780,183.00

TAX RATE FOR BRADFORD: \$1.6477

TAX RATE FOR NEWBURY: \$1.5873

YOU MUST CALL THE TOWN CLERK TO GET A BALLOT MAILED TO YOU.

We will post more information about the budget next week.

The OUUSD School Board also considered making immediate changes to the operations in the schools. After careful consideration, the Board chose to **make no changes to current operations.** However, continuing to run our district with 87% of last year's budget is exceptionally difficult and is NOT sustainable. **If there is not an approved budget on January 14th, the OUUSD School Board will HAVE to make dramatic cuts.**

Thank you,

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links to helpful information:

Board roles and responsibilities:

<https://oesu.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Boards-role-and-responsibilities.pdf>

Information on what the increases are:

<https://oesu.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Info-part-1.pdf>

11/24/20 Budget sheet with details on changes and the tax worksheet. Although these are dated in October the number has not changed. These are the current amounts and rates.

<https://oesu.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/DOC101720-10172020124956.pdf>