



February 14, 2023

Dear Sudbury Select Board,

Please find below a Pro Argument for the Sudbury Public Schools Ballot question of March 27, 2023, being submitted jointly by the Sudbury School Committee and Superintendent Brad Crozier. Per your policy, the Select Board “will determine those persons best able to present the arguments for and against each question.” It is our hope that our statement fits this criteria.

Proposed Pro Argument:

The Sudbury Public Schools (SPS) override budget provides an additional \$745,460 of funding and resources to address academic recovery and the critical mental health needs of the students. Along with funding provided by the Town, SPS reallocated funding within the budget, increased reliance on reimbursable funds, and exhausted one-time funding sources to meet these increased needs. The District absorbed a 20% increase in transportation costs which continues to rise each year at a rate of 5% (\$275,000) and a 14% increase in Out-Of-District tuition rates which are set by the State (\$200,000). SPS is looking at approximately \$300,000 in increased utility expenses.

Without the override, SPS will cut more than 7 teachers and increase class sizes by 3 students in each class. This will impact 28 classrooms, resulting in class sizes of GrK-1: 23, Gr2: 24 and Gr3-8: 27 students. Additionally, SPS will need to reduce transportation costs by eliminating service for students in Gr7-8 and only providing bussing to students in K-6, who live 2+ miles from school. This meets the minimum requirement on transportation by the State. This additional funding will allow SPS to retain teachers, maintain current class size, and transportation options for all families, while meeting the critical post pandemic needs of students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Sudbury School Committee  
Silvia Nersessian, Chair  
Meredith Gerson, Vice Chair  
Nicole Burnard  
Mandy Sim  
Sarah Troiano

Sudbury Public Schools  
Brad Crozier, Superintendent