

Chariho Regional School District FY '23 Budget Flyer-UPDATED

Important Budget Information Revised for the May 5th Vote

•The local budget total is \$55,230,097 an increase from last year of 0.96%.

•The impact to each town is: Charlestown 1.74%; Richmond 1.20%; Hopkinton 0.21%

•The Fund Balance was moved to 2% (which is the minimum allowed per policy).

• During the April 12th School Committee meeting the budget was reduced by \$543,308.

•There have been large increases in utilities and oil, due to inflation.

•The Governor has proposed to cut our transportation funding in his budget. Representative Kennedy and Seanator Algiere contacted the district to inform us that they continue to work to support the reinstatement of these funds, which would result in a total of \$590,584.

District Highlights

- The District secured over \$300,000 dollars by applying for grants to offset costs to taxpayers.
- We continue to work diligently to maintain small class sizes.
- We have three Blue Ribbon Elementary Schools.
- According to the 2021 US News & World Report:
 - Three of our Elementary Schools are ranked in the Top 10 of all RI Elementary Schools
 - Chariho Middle School is ranked in the Top 25 of all RI Middle Schools
 - Chariho High School is ranked 10th among all RI High Schools
- Chariho offered the most in-person learning opportunities in our state during the '20-'21 School Year.
- Chariho High School/CTC students have access to over 20 Pathways and Programs.
- Chariho High School offers over 20 Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Chariho students are outperforming their peers across the state in AP Computer Science, AP Biology, and AP Spanish Language and Culture.
- We have created centralized registration so our families have easy access to register their children for school.

Budget Timeline

•January 4th, 6th, 25th & 27th-The District held four Budget Workshops

January 4th & 19th- The Budget is officially presented at the first Budget Workshop and the Omnibus Meeting

•March 1st -The Annual Regional Public Budget Hearing was held

•March 8th- The School Committee adopted the FY 23 Budget
•April 5th- All Day Budget Referendum- Voters did not approve the budget

•April 12th- School Committee reduced the budget that was not approved and scheduled a new Budget Referendum per The Chariho Act

•May 5th- Date of the next Budget @ Town Halls

Every budget question that has been asked was placed on our District FY 23 Budget Frequently Asked Question Document located on our website. Additional questions can be submitted via this google form.

<u>Mark your calendars</u>



The All-Day Referendum on the Chariho School Budget will be held in each town on Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm