

School Budget Schedule

Basic Information

- State Law requires the School Committee to wait 10 days before submitting a new budget. If 14 days for absentee is added this means the earliest a vote could occur is July 8th.
- The School Committee must present a new budget within 45 days. The Council has 30 days to call a vote, so the longest is 75 days. This would be August 26th.
- Commitment and tax due date. Usually the 15th of September is the due date. This means August 15th is the date we need to send out bills and with one week lead time that is August 8th. Practically speaking the City could force a short process that has a validation vote on August 21st. This would require extra effort to publicize.
- Voting Machines are switching June 30th. Which means the City will most likely have to hand count. The State is controlling the new machines and we will be trained by August 14th but the State doesn't expect us to use until November.

Potential Timeline

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| 1. School starts discussions with Committee on: | June 12, 2013 (Wednesday) |
| 2. City Council Reviews <u>City</u> Budget on: | June 17, 2013 (Monday) |
| 3. School Committee adopts revised budget on: | June 26, 2013 (Wednesday) |
| 4. City Council approves voting date and revised budget: | July 1-8, 2013 (Monday) |
| 5. Absentee begins: | July 2-9, 2013 (Tuesday) |
| 6. Validation vote: | July 23, 2013 (Tuesday) |
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| 7. Third Try School starts discussions with Committee on: | July 24, 2013 (Wednesday) |
| 8. School Committee adopts revised budget on: | July 31, 2013 (Wednesday) |
| 9. City Council approves voting date and revised budget: | August 5, 2013 (Monday) |
| 10. Absentee begins: | August 6, 2013 (Tuesday) |
| 11. Validation vote: | August 20, 2013 (Tuesday) |
| 12. Commitment: | August 21, 2013 (Wednesday) |