

**Southborough Public Schools
Preliminary Budget Discussion
FY2012**

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Fiscal Climate

- **The town has requested each department to submit a level services budget in light of current economic climate**
- **Because of several unknown revenue factors actual percentage figures from the town have not yet been determined**
- **In addition to the challenging revenue factors the town is experiencing, the schools continue to feel the impact of FY2011 eliminated positions, the continued state circuit breaker reductions, and the loss of special education ARRA grants**

Budget Process to Date

- **Principals & Directors submitted budget requests**
- **Review and clarification of budget requests is currently underway**
- **Two School Committee members and the Superintendent met with the Southborough Advisory Committee on October 25, 2010**
- **Extensive discussion regarding the school district's fiscal outlook took place with the members of the School Committee's Operating Budget Subcommittee on December 3, 2010**

Positions Eliminated in 2010-2011

Two kindergarten positions

One first grade position *

One fourth grade position

One fifth grade position

One middle school teaching position

One middle school specialist position

One full-time custodial position

One reading tutor position

*** Position Restored due to Savings from Unanticipated Retirements**

Positions Funded in 2010-2011 by ARRA Special Education Grant Which Has Now Been Eliminated

One Part-Time School Psychologist

One Half-time Special Education Teacher

One Special Education Aide – Finn

One Special Education Aide – Woodward

60% Special Education Aide – Neary

Two Special Education Aides – Trottier

What Are We Doing Now?

- **Continuing level funding or decreasing funding in the majority of administrative, instructional, maintenance, and supply accounts**
- **Again, postponing all new initiatives with financial impact at this point in time**
- **Carefully monitoring the current 2011 budget, limiting spending to essential items**
- **Examining our current preK-8 programs and staffing levels**

Budget Summary

- **The needs of students will always be our top priority**
- **The Southborough Board of Selectmen will be scheduling a budget meeting with us soon**
- **We will continue to meet with elected and appointed town officials as well as parents and other community members as we work together as partners in the face of serious budget constraints**