



**Newton Public
Schools**

Building for Our Future



A review of NPS since 2013, the last operating override...

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Our students, and the world of education itself, has changed dramatically in the past 10 years.

The challenges that were emerging prior to the COVID-19 pandemic have been amplified and exacerbated by the public health crisis.



CORE COMPONENTS OF THE NPS FUTURE

- **STRONG AND ENGAGING ACADEMIC PROGRAM WITH CHALLENGING CLASSES AND COURSEWORK**
- **WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITIES THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL LEARNERS**
- **ROBUST AND MEANINGFUL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR ALL STUDENTS IN ALL SCHOOLS**
- **MODERN, INNOVATIVE, AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE STUDENT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

STRONG, CHALLENGING AND ENGAGING ACADEMIC PROGRAM OF STUDY



- Math and literacy specialists in all elementary schools
- Regular access at the elementary level to weekly Art, Music, Physical Education, and Library/Media classes
- Multiple World Language offerings, including Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese, and Italian
- Seven distinguished, state-recognized Career and Technical Education programs
- Approximately 20 College-Board approved Advanced Placement courses
- Curriculum coordinators that work across the district as content experts





INCLUSIVE & WELCOMING SCHOOL COMMUNITIES SERVING ALL LEARNERS



- A wide continuum of programs to meet individual student needs, with the goal of students learning in their neighborhood schools
- English Language Learner (ELL) department that provides support and service to students and families speaking more than 50 languages
- Student intervention teams in each school monitor student progress and develop targeted interventions tailored to student needs
- Neighborhood schools that build community and connection
- Thirty-four varsity sports at each Newton high school, and 10 additional interscholastic sports at the middle school level
- Award-winning fine and performing arts programming
- A wide range of student clubs and academic teams and other learning opportunities at the middle and high school level





MODERN, INNOVATIVE, AND ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY



- Interactive curricular material allowing for students to explore concepts more deeply, efficiently, and meaningfully
- Formative assessment tools to gauge student learning and adjust teacher practice to meet the needs of all students in the classroom
- Digital creation tools allowing students to demonstrate understanding of content knowledge in ways that best meet student needs
- Access to content presented in a variety of formats (text, audio, video, etc.) and using a variety of tools (text-to-speech, translation, captions, etc.)
- Development of 21st century skills including: critical thinking, research, collaboration, digital creation, responsible use, and engaged citizenship
- Technology provided in specialized classes to prepare students for life beyond the Newton Public Schools

OVERRIDE INVESTMENT



Operating Budget

Annual additional funding - \$4,500,000

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