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1 WSESĐ begins FY27 budget process

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4 Work to develop the fiscal year 2027 budget is starting in
5 the Windham Southeast School District, and the school board's
6 Communication Council wants the community to be engaged in
7 the process.

8 Ultimately, the school board will recommend a budget to
9 be presented for a vote at the WSESĐ Annual Meeting on March
10 17, 2026.

11 Among ways for community members to participate is
12 attending Finance Committee meetings, which will be held Nov.
13 24 and Dec. 1.

14 WSESD board meetings are always open to the public.
15 The budget is expected to be discussed there Nov. 18, Dec. 9,
16 Dec. 16, and Jan. 13 with a final meeting Jan. 27.

17 Also recommended is that community members "engage
18 with school administrators and Leadership Councils."

19 You can find out more about each board and committee
20 meeting by visiting wsesu.org/wseds-agendas and
21 wsesu.org/committee-agendas.

22 At press time, only elementary school budgets were
23 available to review.

24 In sum, the proposed elementary budget includes a 3.2%
25 (\$1,303,705) increase for a bottom line of \$42,214,837.65 for
26 FY27.

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