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Dear Canton Residents,

The proposed 2010-2011 budget seeks a 0% increase over this current year's spending. We have approached the development of this budget responsibly, recognizing the extraordinarily difficult economic times and the fiscal constraint of the town, while maintaining our obligation to meet the individual needs of the students in the Canton Public Schools.

Contractual obligations related to employee salary and benefits along with increased costs in utilities, out-of-district tuition, and transportation accounted for a \$928,545, or a 4.17% increase over this year's spending. Administrators' budget requests totaled \$359,809 or a 1.61% increase. Combined increases totaled \$1,288,354, representing an increase of 5.78%.

Although every administrative request was justifiable, I worked to reduce every area of the budget possible, reducing the budget by over \$855,433. There are reductions in the area of instructional supplies, equipment, and professional development. No new requested staffing positions were part of this budget proposal. On February 9, 2010, I presented a proposed budget request to the Board of Education with an increase of \$432,912 or 1.94%.

The Board of Education's Finance Subcommittee met several times to review the Superintendent's proposed budget. Every line item and personnel position in the District was reviewed carefully. On March 4, 2010, the Board of Education voted to reduce the budget further by reducing funds in various line items where more accurate information had been obtained, such as in workers' compensation and transportation fuel. Reductions were made in the utilities line items, as we will be challenging the staff and students in each of our buildings to conserve energy more than ever before through various activities. We also continue to implement energy conservation measures wherever possible.

The following personnel changes were also made:

- Elimination of .5 FTE Director of Physical Plant
- Reduction of .5 FTE Library/Media Specialist
- Reduction of .5 Custodian
- Elimination of four paraeducator positions
- Reduction in secretarial support

This budget development process required extra attention this year from start to finish, as each request and line item was scrutinized as never before. It is our hope that you will support this budget as submitted. If additional reductions are made, existing non-certified and certified staff and programs will be affected, which would greatly diminish the quality of our school system.

We wish to see the Canton Public Schools continuously improve by providing the highest quality educational experiences and opportunities for our students. The Board of Education and I look forward to discussing these details with you.

Sincerely,
Kevin D. Case
Superintendent of Schools