

MIDDLETOWN LEADS

WHAT IS MIDDLETOWN LEADS?

Middletown Leads is a weekly newsletter intended to connect the Middletown community by providing information about the civic undertakings of the Town.

TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP

On Saturday, April 27, 2019, the Middletown Town Council conducted an all-day workshop. Last week's newsletter reported on the larger cost centers. The following represents discussions of other departments.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town Administrator is the chief managing officer of the Town. He is responsible to ensure that the Town's resources are utilized in an effective and efficient manner within an ethical and transparent work environment.

The main addition to the operating budget is a \$20k increase to fund the National Research Center's *National Citizen Survey*, intended to provide a data-based picture of resident needs and perspectives about local government services, policies, and management.

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk is requesting a 1% increase in order to provide services related to the following: Boards and Committees, Canvassing/Elections, Cemetery Maintenance, Town Permanent Record-keeping, Land Evidence/records, Licensing, Municipal Court, Probate Services, the Town Council, and other Vital Records.

TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

The Tax Assessor is charged with 1) ensuring that all ratable property is uniformly assessed as mandated by state law and local ordinances, 2) ensuring that all taxes and sewer use fees are collected, also as mandated, and 3) providing knowledgeable assistance to taxpayers and professionals.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Town Council also reviewed anticipated expenses related to the functions of the Town Solicitor, the Town Council, Boards and Committees, Pensions, Data Procession, and other unclassified costs as well as Civic Appropriations.

BUDGET PROCESS GOING FORWARD

The Town Council met with the School Department to discuss the School Administration's response to questions generated at the All-Day Budget Session on April 27. (See list below.)

There will be further discussion of budget items at the May 20th meeting, followed by two public hearings scheduled for Wednesday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 29.

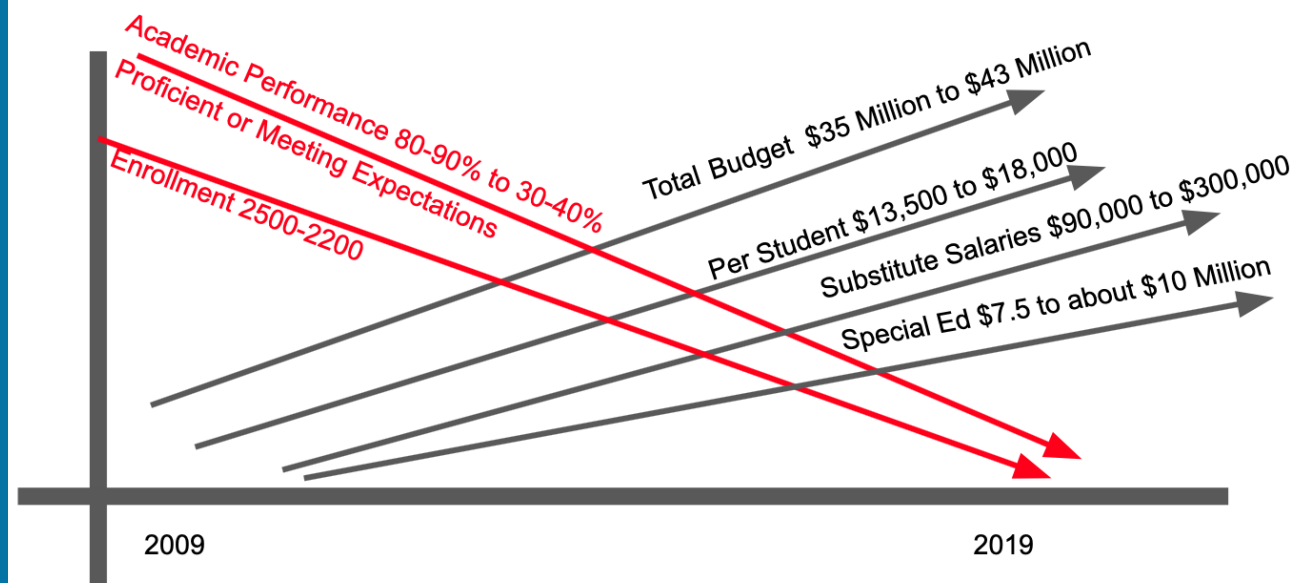
MIDDLETOWN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ISSUES

The following information was requested by the Town Council:

- A. Education Formulas and Fairness to the Taxpayers
- B. Reallocation of Regional Special Education Payment
- C. After School and Summer Intervention Programs
- D. Gaudet Athletic Participation
- E. MHS Athletic Participation
- F. Gaudet and MHS Club/Activity Participation Rate
- G. Bond Update
- H. RI Education Certification Changes
- I. ERSRI Retirement Valuation
- J. Professional Development Plan
- K. Professional Learning Units
- L. FY19 Non-CBA Increases
- M. Historical Performance Bonuses
- N. FY18 Performance Bonuses
- O. Kids Count K-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services
- P. Capital Improvement program
- Q. High School Classes by Section

CONCERNS

2009-2019 Middletown Schools



Slide provided by Town Council President.

FOOTNOTE

Editorial essays appear occasionally at the following website: <http://middletownleads.blogspot.com/>