

From: "Kowalski.Carl <CKowalski@whitman-ma.gov>" <CKowalski@whitman-ma.gov>
To: Dawn
Cc: Beth; Salvucci.Daniel
Bcc: beth.stafford@whrsd.org
Date: 2024-04-29 20:54
Subject: Re: Whitman FY25 Assessment

■ With all due respect, Dawn, I do not recall anyone saying that the school committee ever voted for an override. Indeed, at our April 26th meeting, I clearly described a phone conversation I had had that morning with Beth Stafford and stated that she would probably like hearing Kathleen Ottina's plan, the one Kathleen read at our meeting in Open Forum, but that she would also support an override if that were necessary. Never did she nor I say that the School Committee ever "voted" for an override.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 29, 2024, at 8:31 PM, Dawn Byers <dawn.byers@whrsd.org> wrote:

■

You don't often get email from dawn.byers@whrsd.org. [Learn why this is important](#)

NOTICE: EXTERNAL E-MAIL

This message originated outside of the Town of Whitman E-Mail system -- PLEASE DO NOT CLICK on links or open attachments unless you are sure the content is safe.

- Technology Services

Good Evening Chair Kowalski,

I'd like to formally acknowledge that any agreement or conversation you had with Chair Stafford and Supt Szymaniak do not constitute an agreement on my part to a school override. I've listened to several recent BOS meetings where it was repeatedly stated "the school committee agreed to an override". This could not be further from the truth for me.

On April 8th I voted on the FY25 WHRSD budget, an assessment amount to Hanson and an assessment amount of \$19,153,687. to Whitman. I fully expect this assessment figure, pursuant to MGL and Regional School finance laws and regulations, will be presented as one amount to Whitman voters at town meeting on May 6th. At no time was a motion made at the school committee for the FY25 budget to be contingent on a school override.

Regards,

Dawn Byers

Whitman-Hanson Regional School Committee

Whitman Hanson Regional School District (WHRSD) has a commitment to maintaining a workplace and educational environment where discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, languages, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy and pregnancy-related medical conditions are not tolerated. WHRSD does not allow discrimination or harassment against students based on homelessness or limited English-speaking ability. The Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has determined that email is a public record. This communication (including any attachments) is intended for the use of the intended recipient(s) only and may contain information that is confidential, privileged, or legally protected. Any unauthorized use or dissemination of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify the sender by return e-mail message and delete all copies of the original communication.

When writing or responding, please remember that the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has determined that email is a public record.

This communication may contain privileged or other confidential information. If you are not the intended recipient, or believe that you have received this communication in error, please do not print, copy, retransmit, disseminate, or otherwise use the information. Also, please indicate to the sender that you have received this email in error, and delete the copy you received.