

NOTICE
Stratton School Board
Stratton Town Office
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The Stratton School Board will hold a Special School Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Stratton Town Hall, 688 Stratton-Arlington Rd., in Stratton.

Lorraine Weeks-Newell
School Board Secretary

Dear Stratton Community Members,

The Stratton School Board adopted Tuition Payment Policy F16 on January 15, 2019 that included the following language:

Tuition shall only be paid to receiving schools that enroll any and all students deemed to be a resident of the District. No tuition payment shall be made to any school that limits enrollment based on special education eligibility, a student impairment or disability or race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender or other protected characteristic.

On January 29, 2019, we heard from many community members regarding the update to Tuition Payment Policy F16. We appreciate that members of our community came out to a board meeting to share their opinions and thoughts. The Stratton School Board would like to hear from all voting members of our community prior to Town Meeting.

Therefore, **we have warned a Special School Board Meeting with an Advisory Vote on February 26, 2019 at the Stratton Town Hall.** At this meeting we will again share the updated policy as well as update the public on the upcoming School Budget. The Town will hold a non-binding advisory vote at this Special Meeting.

The budget presented for consideration at the upcoming Annual School District meeting reflects the expected tuitioning needs related to the updated Tuition Payment Policy F16. This budget results in education spending per equalized pupil of \$15,382 and an estimated homestead education tax rate of \$1.56 (a 5% decrease from the current year). We have also constructed a budget that reflects the expected tuitioning needs related to the Tuition Payment Policy prior to the January 15, 2019 update. This budget results in education spending per equalized pupil of \$23,896 and an estimated homestead education tax rate of \$2.36 (a 44% increase from the current year). Both of these budgets will be available at the Special Meeting.

The Board intends to listen to the voters of Stratton and consider the results of the advisory vote by either maintaining the new policy and the warned budget or by reverting back to the original policy and asking for an amended budget from the floor at Town Meeting.

We look forward to your attendance and participation in the Advisory Vote at the Special School Board Meeting on February 26, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Stratton Town Hall. Voting can only be performed at the Special Meeting, and the meeting will be held regardless of the weather.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Stratton School Board
Tom Montemagni, Lorraine Weeks-Newell, and Siobhan Eddy Young