

December 5, 2017

Dear Pembroke School Community,

We would like to take this opportunity to update all stakeholders on the current status of our budget process for both this school year and the following 2018-2019 school year. As you may be aware, the Pembroke School Board instituted a budget freeze on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 until Pembroke school administrators developed a spending plan for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. That spending plan was presented to the Board at last night's school board meeting on December 4, 2017. The Board approved the spending plan (attached) with a few notable exceptions. Co-curricular activities at all Pembroke schools will not be impacted by the 2017-2018 spending plan. Please note that special education, contractual obligations, general supplies, and items that are essential for day-to-day operations of our schools were not negatively impacted by the approved spending plan. Furthermore, the Board elected to keep the 2017-2018 spending plan as a recurring agenda item for the remainder of this school year and plans to reassess this document as needed moving forward.

Regarding the 2018-2019 proposed budget, the Board has asked the administration to submit a budget proposal that included one million dollars less than the current 2017-2018 budget. The intent of this is to mitigate the impact on Pembroke taxpayers from the recent tax increase. In addition to traditional cuts, the administration is exploring creative solutions to present to the Board that will minimize the impact on students.

We appreciate your continued support through this challenging time. Please be assured that student learning is the mission of Pembroke schools and the primary focus is to continue to provide a high quality education for all students.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Patty Sherman

Headmaster Paul Famulari

Principal Jon Marston

Principal Suzie Griffith

Principal Mona Sandberg