



Milton-Freewater

Unified School District

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Dear Milton-Freewater School District Budget Committee Members,

Thank you for serving on the Milton-Freewater School District Budget Committee. As we reflect on our past budgeting efforts within the Milton-Freewater School District, it's evident that our commitment to financial stewardship has yielded significant benefits for our staff and students alike. Through planned allocation of resources, we've been able to provide increased wages and benefits for our dedicated educators, recognizing their invaluable contributions to our community. Moreover, our investments in innovative technology have empowered our students with the tools they need to thrive in an ever-evolving digital landscape, ensuring that they remain competitive and prepared for the challenges of the future. Additionally, our commitment to updating facilities has created safe and modern learning environments conducive to academic excellence.

Looking ahead, it's imperative that we remain watchful in our budget planning efforts, considering the potential impacts of enrollment changes, inflation, and uncertain state budgets. By maintaining a proactive approach to financial management, we can continue to uphold our commitment to providing a Superior Education to ALL. As stewards of public funds, it is our responsibility to ensure that every dollar is spent wisely, with a keen eye towards the long-term sustainability and success of our district. Together, let us forge ahead with determination and foresight, laying the groundwork for a bright and prosperous future for the Milton-Freewater School District. The Milton-Freewater School District appreciates your guidance and thoughts as we move forward in our budgeting plans.

We will meet at Freewater Elementary on April 27th at 6:30. We will begin with a brief presentation on how we are starting to build the budget, what we know about the state budget, and how this year's budget is projected to end. We will be taking public comment at the meeting. Budget documents are attached for your review. The documents are also available on the District web page miltfree.k12.or.us

The second meeting will be held May 18, 2026 at 6:30. As we move through this process if you have questions about the proposed budget, please contact myself, or Denyce Kelly.

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MISSION:

Developing lifelong learners in a safe, positive environment to be contributing citizens in the community.

VISION:

Delivering Superior Education to ALL

GOALS:

- Provide social emotional support and guidance
- Eliminate gaps in achievement
- Cultivate positive relationships and collaborative working environments to foster a safe and positive community