



## BROOKLINE'S PROPOSED OVERRIDE

Vote Yes on Both Measures on Election Day—May 6, 2008

Components of the Two Override Packages		
Component	\$5.4 M Package	\$6.2 M Package
Eliminate the projected FY09 deficit	\$2.1 M	\$2.1 M
Fund needed capital and maintenance	\$1.5 M	\$1.5 M
Lengthen school instructional day	\$1.8 M	\$1.8 M
Implement K-6 foreign language instruction	-----	\$0.8 M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5.4 M</b>	<b>\$6.2 M</b>

The Budget Challenge	
Costs Are Rising Faster Than Revenues	Cuts Required To Balance FY09 Budget
Under-funded Federal- and state-mandated services & transportation	4 police officers, removal of fire truck from service in summer, library budget cuts
Cutbacks in state aid (lower than 2002 level)	15 teaching positions, social workers, guidance staff
Soaring energy and health insurance costs	Gr. 4 instrumental music, elementary library assistants
Revenues limited by Proposition 2 ½	Reductions in other school programs + fee increases
Fees hikes do not resolve current problem	Lower funding of buildings and park maintenance
Passing the override will restore the proposed FY09 cuts	

Other Override Components		
Lengthened School Instructional Day	K-6 Foreign Language	Capital & Maintenance
Adds 100 minutes per week (10 days/year)	Spanish or Mandarin	Repairs/maintains streets, sidewalks, and buildings
Gr. K-5: more hands-on learning (a better way to teach)	Content-enriched program	Maintains new open spaces and parkland & Muddy River restoration
Gr. 6-8: meet state requirements; every core subject gets more time	Addresses problems of previous program	
Gr. 9-12: eliminate schedule conflicts w/ electives; core subjects get more time	Language fluency by HS graduation	More sidewalk snow plowing

Annual Additional Cost for Residential Taxpayers		
Your Home's Assessed Value	\$5.4M Package	\$6.2M Package
\$400,000	\$98	\$112
\$600,000	\$179	\$205
\$800,000	\$260	\$298
\$1,000,000	\$341	\$391
\$1,200,000	\$422	\$484
For owner-occupied houses and condominiums, before Federal tax deductions		

How You Can Support The Override
On May 6 <sup>th</sup> , make sure to <b>Vote Yes</b> . If you favor the \$6.2 million package, you should <b>Vote Yes on Both</b> ballot questions as they do <b>not</b> compete with each other. If both questions receive a majority, the override with foreign language will prevail. <b>Vote Yes</b> in person or by absentee ballot. If you are not already registered, the deadline is April 16th. You can support the campaign by making a donation, volunteering time, accepting a yard sign, and by asking others to <b>Vote Yes</b> .
More information is available at <a href="http://www.yesbrookline.org">www.yesbrookline.org</a>