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## **ANNUAL BUDGET**

The annual budget is the financial expression of the educational program of the Hadley Public Schools, and it details the problems and difficulties that confront the schools.

The budget then is more than just a financial instrument and requires the cooperative effort of the School Committee and staff to ensure sound fiscal practices for achieving the educational goals and objectives of the Hadley Public Schools.

Public school budgeting is regulated and controlled by legislation, state regulations, and local School Committee requirements. The operating budget for the schools will be prepared and presented in line with state policy and will be developed and refined in accordance with these same requirements.

The Superintendent will serve as budget officer but he/she may delegate portions of this responsibility to members of his/her staff, as he/she deems appropriate. The three general areas of responsibility for the Superintendent as budget officer will be budget preparation, budget presentation, and budget administration.

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