ATTENTION WEYMOUTH TAXPAYERS

The town is asking for a debt exclusion override on **April 30**, **2019** to build a new Chapman School without giving us the final cost. While a new school may be needed, the town is relying on a state grant that mandates unnecessary items that jack up the cost for Weymouth taxpayers for the next 30 years. We need a new school; not a Taj Mahal.

Your taxes will increase about 5.5 percent on top of annual increases of anywhere from 2.5 to 4.5 percent a year, in effect increasing your taxes 10 percent a year — <u>for 30 years</u>. If you can afford that go ahead and make their day. If you can't afford that, vote **NO** and send them back to the drawing board to build a more reasonable, more affordable school. Weymouth has many other pressing needs; not just fancy buildings and more debt.

Pass this message on to your neighbors and ask them to **VOTE NO ON THE OVERRIDE** !!!

~ THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS APRIL 10, 2019 ~



OFFICIAL BALLOT SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS April 30, 2019



To vote, fill in the oval to the right of your choice.

Shall the Town of Weymouth be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to fund costs associated with constructing and furnishing a new Maria Weston Chapman Middle School at 1051 Commercial Street, Weymouth, MA 02188, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

YES O

NOTICE THERE IS NO AMOUNT INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT !!!!!

NO •

Vote NO

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ABSOLUTELY NO OVERRIDE !!!

Statistics: Weymouth's School Spending and MCAS Results

Weymouth's per pupil spending soared 28 percent since the failed 2015 override.

Weymouth's test results are **NOT** very impressive: **40th from the bottom...**

Weymouth is the **lowest MCAS-ranked District** from Milton to the Cape Cod Bridge!!!

[Source: DESE XLS spreadsheet "sy2020analysis"] [Weymouth's Overall Achievement Rank: 55; Overall Growth Rank: 43] [Note: The higher the MCAS number, the better the ranking; the lower the number, the worse the ranking]

District	per pupil spending	MCAS ranking out of 289* Districts for 2018 [*excl. charter schools]	
Hingham	\$13,207	261	[spends less than Weymouth; 6.5 times better results]
Norwell	\$15,367	254	[spends same as Weymouth; 6.35 times better results]
Duxbury	\$14,936	237	[spends less than Weymouth; 5.93 times better results]
Marshfield	\$13,185	232	[spends less than Weymouth; 5.8 times better results]
Milton	\$14,329	220	[spends less than Weymouth; 5.5 times better results]
Scituate	\$14,973	208	[spends less than Weymouth; 5.2 times better results]
Silver Lake	\$15,532	192	[spends same as Weymouth; 4.8 times better results]
Quincy	\$15,478	187	[spends same as Weymouth; 4.7 times better results]
Braintree	\$14,818	180	[spends about average; 4.5 times better results]
Kingston	\$11,824	163	[spends \$3,559 less than Weymouth; 4 times better results]
Abington	\$13,461	147	[spends less than Weymouth; 3.7 times better results]
Pembroke	\$13,558	137	[spends less than Weymouth; 3.43 times better results]
Plymouth	\$17,114	77	[spends \$1,700 more than Weymouth; slightly better results]
Rockland	\$15,568	71	[spends same as Weymouth; 1.8 times better results]
Weymouth	\$15,383	40	[enrollment down by 1,000; p/p spending rose \$3,400]
Total	\$218,733		
÷ 15 =	\$14,582 as the average spending per pupil for these 15 comparison Districts.		

Weymouth spends above the average **by \$801 per student**. The new plan du jour is to spend up to \$240 million¹ for a Taj Mahal middle school putting taxpayers on the hook for a 5.5 to 7 percent tax increase for the next 30 years on top of up to 4 percent regular increases that will cost them from 9-1/2 to 11 percent a year—**exponentially**. Apartment dwellers are not off the hook; their rents will definitely rise. Higher rents will lead to higher prices for goods and services and smaller portions. Mom and Pop stores may fold their tents forever. ¹Incl. interest

There is no end in sight as to the effects of building this proposed \$163 million++ Taj Mahal. More override attempts and spending will follow while Union Point "revenue" is DOA.

For a quick comparison, multiply your current tax bill by 110 percent (or by 1.1), which will grow **exponentially** and more than double over 30 years because of regular annual tax increases. This government isn't done with its out-of-control borrowing, spending and lack of concern for people. There is no refuge for any age group. The debt will be left to your children and grandchildren.