

The \$850k Override and the Continued Success of the Wayland Public Schools



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Wayland's schools succeed!

- As measured by
 - Percentage of eligible students attending
 - Student performance
 - Student activities
 - Teacher recognition
 - College and university acceptances
 - Feedback from Wayland graduates



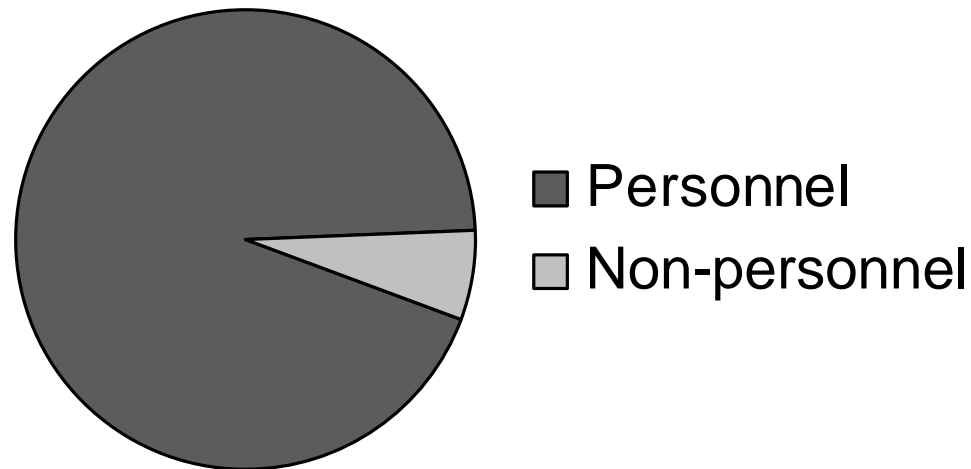
The foundation of our success

- We perform well because we
 - Pay well to attract/retain top quality teachers
 - Adequately fund materials and facilities

In short, our success is embedded in our operating budget and specifically in the paychecks taken home by our educators

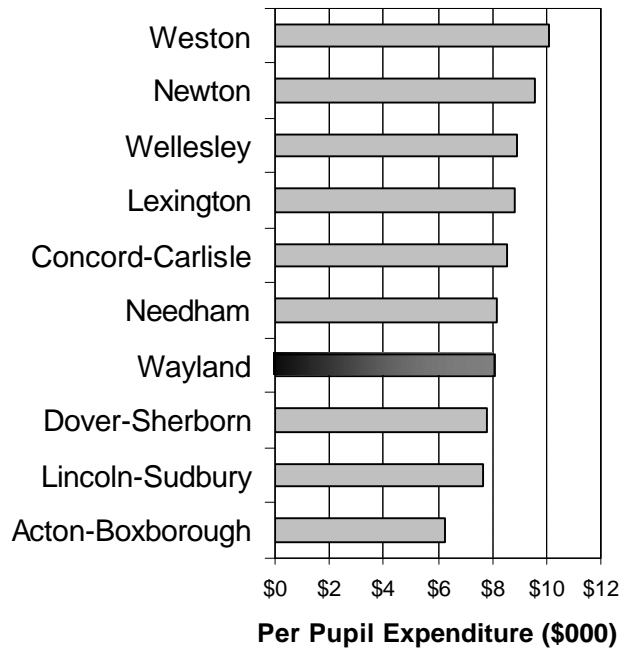
Wayland's school budget

**More than 90% of
\$25.4M Wayland School Budget
Spent on Personnel**



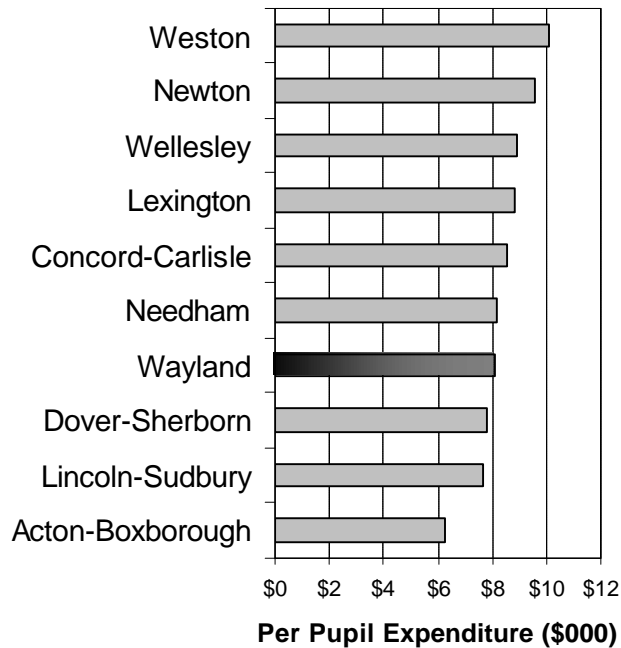
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**FY2001 Per Pupil Expenditure
Among Comparable Towns**

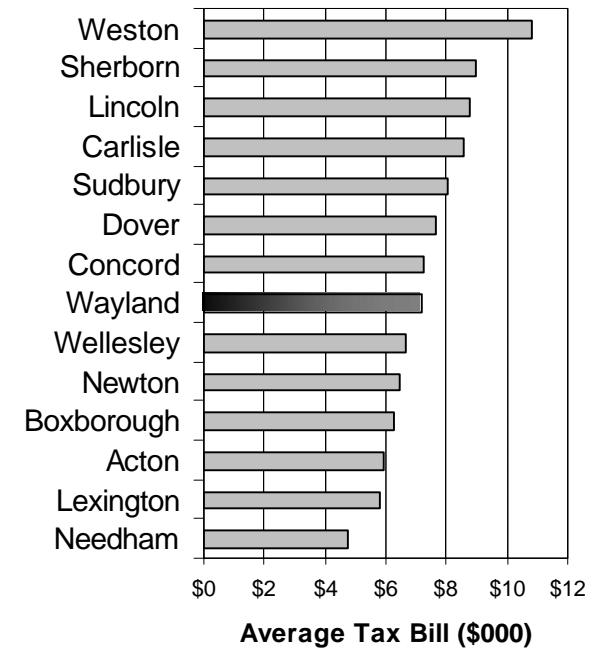


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**FY2001 Per Pupil Expenditure
Among Comparable Towns**



**FY2003 Average Tax Bill
Among Comparable Towns**





Impact of failed override

- Budget reduction of ~\$1.5M
 - ~6% of total operating budget
 - Translates to at least 20 positions
- Philosophy driving areas to cut
 - As far from the children as possible, ...
 - ... but those budget areas are already lean
- So, class sizes will rise dramatically
- And, specialists will be cut: art, music, TAs, ...



The schools benefit the Town

- Facilities for community events
- Positive impact on property values
- Value of the “intergenerational compact”