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The town is currently discussing and planning the budget for fiscal 2008. It is proving to be a very difficult process for the Carlisle Public School. There are several factors causing our level service budget to be above the 3% guideline given to us by the Town. Some of the additional costs include maintaining class size at an optimal level, the new teachers' contract, increased special education costs, increased energy costs, and maintenance costs for the wastewater treatment plant. The total additional costs for level services result in a 6.9% increase in the budget over the current year. This is 3.9% above the amount allocated by the Town's Levy Limit Budget.

We have requested a minimal Initiative Budget of four items that we believe are also important for our school: Grade 8 support, MCAS tutors, a full time technology aide and professional development funds.

We are working closely with the Town to secure necessary funding. Over the next several weeks, discussions will be held with various Town boards as we finalize the school budget for next year. I encourage you to follow these discussions.

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