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## Waterford School District Presented Budget Recommendations to the Board of Education

**June 3, 2016 Waterford, Mich.** – The Waterford School District Board of Education received recommendations to balance its 2016-2017 budget at the June 2 Board meeting. These recommendations will allow the Waterford School District to continue providing resources that will ensure quality classroom instruction and a rich educational experience for all students during a time when public schools throughout the State are faced with significant fiscal challenges. Furthermore, they will ensure that class sizes remain appropriate and current programming and services continue, all while the District continues to evolve and improve in the best interests of its students.

This budget proposal included staff reductions. Three (3) teachers and seven (7) library technicians were notified of potential layoff. This is a direct result of a decline in enrollment, corresponding with a steady long-term reduction in the number of school-age children throughout the State of Michigan.

“We’re budgeting on student enrollment losses that we hope will not come true. In the fall we will open our new Junior Kindergarten program, which has already proven so popular we have three sections. A new STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) program opens at the high school level,” says Keith Wunderlich, Waterford School District Superintendent. “We will also be offering college credit for engineering right on our high school campus. Waterford Schools is not sitting back and allowing student enrollment trends, impacting districts across the county and state, to define us. We’re putting new programs in place, raising the bar academically, and serving our community through a great educational experience.”

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