

FixCarver.com

January 2009

Schools ask for Prop 2 1/2 Override

The following request was sent to the Superintendent of Carver Public Schools on Wednesday Jan 14, 2009

Message: I heard that the school committee voted to seek a prop 2 1/2 override at their last meeting. Please provide any specifics you can if this is true. How much and for what purposes. Did they authorize budget reductions if so how much?

The following reply was received the same day.

The school committee is planning to work with the Board of Selectmen to provide specific dollar amounts. We are waiting for the governor to tell us a specific amount for the FY10 cuts to local aid including Chapter 70 aid. It has been projected to be 10% which would mean over 1.5 million dollars for Carver. These cuts would be in addition to the cuts now projected for the 3rd and 4th quarter of FY 09. We were told yesterday that these cuts statewide would be over 500 million. This would result in up to 18% or over \$900,000 reduction in local aid, including Chapter 70 for the remainder of this year. Anyone of these two cuts would decimate school and town services. Both of them together are unimaginable.

I have attached the list of school department cuts made since 2004. There is nothing left to cut without a severe long term educational impact. The school committee has authorized over \$1.5 million dollars of cuts in the last five years. They have determined that the citizens need to voice their opinion before any additional reductions in the education budget are made. If the citizens vote to defeat an override, then the school committee will proceed to follow the will of the public. I would be happy to meet with you and discuss these issues whenever you have time.

www.FixCarver.com