

CONCORD EDUCATION UPDATE



CCGS Newsletter – Late October, 2024

School Committee Openings

Are you interested in helping our kids, our schools, our teachers and our community? This coming Spring, there will be two positions open. Please reach out if you are interested in running.

Join Us at CCGS

Learn more about our group [here](#) and feel free to join us! Also please pass our newsletter and website along to interested and involved Concordians or fellow parents seeking to help support our GREAT Concord Schools!

Town Meeting Survey Deadline Reminder: Oct 31: It is **essential** that parents make their opinions known to the Town Meeting Study Committee. We know many parents struggle to attend TM and making your voice heard is KEY. There is a SURVEY that closes Oct 31 and it is very important that parent voices are heard. Please take the anonymous survey [HERE](#).

New FinCom Leadership, New Positive Tone: We watched the very-important October 15 joint FinCom meeting where our School Admins and the joint CC SC presented ***initial*** projections/trends and high level information on CPS and CCHS 2026 projected budgeting. Please watch it [here](#). While the 2026 budget is not built and tough decisions surely lie ahead, the positive, cooperative "tone and tenor" of the meeting **was/is a refreshing change, after years of acrimony and tension**. The **new FinCom leadership** should be commended for this.

A variety of issues were touched upon, including alternate funding sources sought by the schools (grants, etc), the CCHS facilities building (estimates have come down), private funding for a new CCHS Track, variable special needs costs and new students/housing developments, teacher salaries, electricity vs gas for heating the new middle school, etc. While there are many unknown variables, *initial* 2026 projections are positive, with only a 2.7% projected increase for CPS and 3.4% for CCRSD (CCHS). These numbers are essentially flat, if you consider that the long term inflation average is 3.28%.

Doug White Fields at CCHS: The current artificial turf is nearing the end of its useful life and replacing it with **new turf or natural grass** is likely going to be a complex issue/decision that generates strong feelings, on both/all sides. The Town of Concord owns and maintains these fields, not CCHS, and there is \$1.5M in private funding already earmarked to replace the turf. Communications are being sent by advocates for and against and parents should be aware. Please inform yourself, as this issue heats up.

Thanks, please stay involved, and **fill out the Town Meeting [survey!](#)**