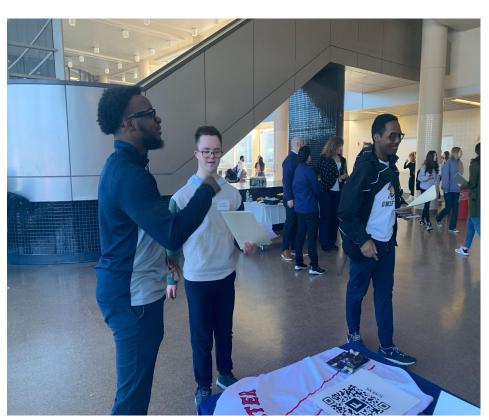
## Community Partnerships and Well-Being Initiatives: FY 25 Budget Dr. Jane O. Lizotte

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#### **Alumni Give Back**





### Key Areas of Budget Responsibility

- Build and sustain partnerships between the school district and families, businesses, non-profits, higher education organizations, and alumni
- Develop partner, volunteer, and financial support to advance the district's mission and goals, with a current strategic emphasis on career and technical education and the enhanced well-being of all
- Enhance the social, emotional, behavioral, and physical well-being of students and staff
- Cultivate relationships with higher education institutions and workforce development

### Areas of Responsibility-Financial Resources

Advance **community partnerships** that provide support for district and school initiatives

Advance the strategic commitment to the enhanced well-being of all

### Advancing Community Partnerships

SPS alumni, donors, municipal employees, community partners, and local higher education institutions contribute significant time and resources in order that we can create diverse opportunities for all learners.

## Thank you, Shrewsbury Pizzeria, for donating lunch and sharing kindness to SMS students and staff today!







# Efficiencies Realized Through the Use of Grant or Alternative Funds in Fiscal Year 2025

- One8 Foundation Project Lead the Way (PLTW) High School Engineering grant funding utilized to offset the costs associated with the Project Lead the Way Engineering program. This may include equipment, technology, and educator training (\$40,000)
- DESE sponsored Innovation Career Pathways Planning Grant Funding (\$25,000)
- DESE sponsored Innovation Career Pathways Designation Grant Funding (\$150,000-anticipated)
- DESE sponsored MyCAP (My Career and Academic Plan) Grant Funding (\$5,500)

- Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Learning Grant (DESE) (\$24,500)
- \$11,300 has been donated to the Colonial Fund for the Anatomage Table
- WIN Waste Innovations donation (\$17,500 earmarked for career exploration programming at SHS and \$17,500 earmarked for RISE/Maple & Main)
- Lexus of Northborough donation to support the addition of soccer teams at Oak Middle School. (\$5,500)

### Total: \$296,800

### **Advancing Well-Being Initiatives**

Our district's vision and strategic commitments emphasize the well-being of all of our students and staff.

The Portrait of a Shrewsbury Public Schools Graduate includes Resilience & Focus as one of the six highlighted goals and identifies the following:

\*Employ strategies to maintain personal wellness, focus, and intention in their lives. Enhanced Well-Being of All is one of the district's three strategic commitments for 2023-27:

Shrewsbury Public Schools prioritizes the social, emotional, behavioral, mental, and physical health of all students and staff by creating safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environments. This is accomplished by intentionally providing learning opportunities where all Shrewsbury Public Schools students and staff feel valued, supported, and empowered.

This commitment includes the following 5-year strategic priority for well-being:

Promote Student and Staff Wellness: Expand opportunities for students and staff to strengthen mental health and physical wellness in support of overall well-being.

### Shift in Fund Use

Per the guidance of the School Committee for the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, the \$85,000 in funding for the contracted service with WholeSchool Mindfulness for a full-time Mindfulness Director position will no longer be provided for that purpose.

SPS's five-year partnership with WholeSchool Mindfulness will conclude at the end of this school year.

Dr. Sawyer's FY25 Budget recommendation was that this funding be shifted to a district Well-Being Coordinator role. After consideration, it was determined to no longer recommend this position for FY25 as too many planning elements regarding well-being are still in development.

It is recommended that the \$85,000 that is currently funding the partnership with WholeSchool Mindfulness remain in the contracted service budget for FY25. These funds will support

student and staff well-being in ways that will be determined over

the course of the fiscal year.

#### Funding needs include the following:

- Consultation from experts in the field for proactive skill development and preventive measures that address student and staff well-being
- Staff professional development opportunities (courses/webinars/presentations)
- Staff stipends for summer work or additional time during the school year to develop well-being resources and programming, just as the district does for academic curriculum work

 Contract with outside organizations or individuals and within the district to directly provide well-being programming to students and staff. A growing awareness of the importance of proactively teaching, reinforcing, and assessing well-being skills and strategies creates an urgency for this important work to continue.

### Questions?