



Town of Concord
Finance Committee
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Alexa Anderson
Chair, Concord Public School Committee
Tracey Marano
Chair, Concord-Carlisle Regional School District Committee
120 Meriam Road
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Dear Chairs Anderson and Marano,

The Concord Finance Committee understands that the Concord Public Schools (CPS) and the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District (CCRS) recently reviewed user fee structures and amounts for use of CPS and CCRSD facilities by community groups.

As discussed in depth in the Finance Committee Report for Fiscal Year 2024, costs are project to continue to rise for the Town's budgeting entities (CPS, CCRSD, and Town departments) and certain revenue sources (in particular, emergency Covid relief funds) will no longer be available. In addition, capital projects that have been deferred from past years will likely have to be undertaken in the next several years. If substantial changes are not made to the underlying cost structures at CPS, CCRSD, and the Town and/or revenue growth does not increase considerably, we expect property taxes to continue rising substantially.

We look forward to understanding how the user fees were updated and if there are opportunities for additional revenue during the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025 budget discussions. We would also like to understand the potential for incremental revenue from cell phone towers during these discussions.

Thank you and please let us know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Parashar Patel
Chair

cc: Finance Committee
Select Board
Kerry Lafleur
Steve Daly
Laurie Hunter
Robert Conry