



AGENDA PACKET

**CITY COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026 6:00 PM**

**EVERETT CITY HALL, 484 BROADWAY, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR
EVERETT, MA 02149**



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ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **C0120-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate by borrowing the amount of \$4,000,000.00 for the modernization of the Everett Public Schools Network Infrastructure

ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully submitted:

David R. Flood

Legislative Research/Systems Specialist
Everett City Council Office



C0120-26

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Councilor Stephanie V. Smith
Date: April 27, 2026

Agenda Item:

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Background and Explanation:

Attachments:



Office of Mayor
Robert J. Van Campen

Item Number 1

4/22/2026

The Honorable City Council
City Hall
484 Broadway
Everett, Massachusetts 02149

Dear Honorable Members:

I hereby request City Council authorization to borrow a sum not to exceed \$4,000,000 for the purpose of modernizing the EPS network infrastructure.

This project, part of the recommended and approved FY26 Capital Improvement Plan, will enable EPS to continue its multiyear technology investments aimed at meeting both instructional and infrastructure priorities.

I am attaching, for your review, a communication from Superintendent Hart regarding this request. I recommend your favorable passage of this order.

City and school staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. J. Van Campen".

Robert J. Van Campen
Mayor of the City of Everett



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Month / Day, 2026
City of Everett, Massachusetts
CITY COUNCIL

Offered By: _____
Councilor Stephanie Smith, as President

<p>Bill Number: Bill Type: Order</p>	<p>Be It Ordered: By City Council OF THE CITY OF EVERETT, as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">That the City of Everett hereby authorizes the borrowing of a sum not to exceed \$4,000,000 in accordance with applicable Massachusetts General Laws, for the purpose of Everett Public Schools network infrastructure modernization.</p> <p>The City hereby appropriates the amount of Four Million dollars (\$4,000,000,00) to be funded by borrowing for the modernization of the Everett Public Schools Network Infrastructure, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto. and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §8 or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefore, provided, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this Order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of such issuance of bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and to take any other action relative thereto.</p>
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City of Everett



EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Superintendent William D. Hart

April 7, 2026

The Honorable Mayor Robert Van Campen
484 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

Dear Mayor Van Campen,

On behalf of Everett Public Schools, I am writing to request authorization to divide an existing Fiscal Year 26 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) item into two separate items and approve funding for both. This adjustment will allow us to strategically address both technology infrastructure and software upgrades, ensuring that our facilities, operational systems, and instructional needs remain current and effective.

We respectfully ask for your support in advancing this request to the City Council for consideration and approval. Your support will be instrumental in ensuring that these critical investments move forward in a timely manner and continue to meet the evolving needs of our students and staff.

The approved FY26 CIP item is:

Description	Amount
FY26 EPS Network Infrastructure Modernization	\$4,000,000

We request that this item be split into the following two items, with funding authorized for both in Fiscal Year 2027:

No.	Description	Amount
1	FY27 Hardware Replacement & Upgrades	\$2,500,000
2	FY27 Software Upgrades	\$1,500,000
TOTAL		\$4,000,000

- FY27 HARDWARE REPLACEMENT & UPGRADES:** Everett Public Schools must maintain a structured, multi-year schedule for the replacement of end-of-life technology devices. This includes servers, student and educator computers, and network hardware. Without planned replacement cycles, the district risks system failures, increased maintenance costs, and disruptions to instruction. A capital commitment will ensure reliability, security, and equitable access to modern tools for all students and staff.

2. **FY27 SOFTWARE UPGRADES:** In addition to hardware, the district requires ongoing investment in both district-wide and school-specific software systems. These include instructional platforms, student information systems, cybersecurity tools, and operational software. Many of these systems require significant upfront implementation costs as well as recurring licensing and support expenses. A long-term capital strategy will allow Everett Public Schools to plan effectively, avoid unexpected budget shortfalls, and ensure that our technology ecosystem remains current and effective.

Authorizing funding for these two CIP items will enable Everett Public Schools to allocate resources responsibly, plan for consistent annual technology investments, and meet both instructional and infrastructure priorities in a transparent and fiscally sustainable manner.

Please find attached supporting information for your review. Thank you for your continued support of Everett Public Schools and your commitment to providing high-quality educational opportunities for all students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William D. Hart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "W".

William D. Hart
Superintendent of Schools