

**Sedgwick School Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 18  
6:00 p.m.**

**“Important Budget Discussion”**

As reported in last week’s newsletter, the 2007-2008 school budget was not presented and voted on at town meeting due to the late determination of subsidy information. The School Committee will discuss the most recent cuts in subsidy and how this will impact our proposed budget next Tuesday evening. **Parents and community members are strongly urged to attend this meeting.**

There have been many questions asked after an article ran in the “Bangor Daily News” front page about the substantial cut in subsidy the state projects. Last year, we cut guidance counseling completely, special education time, library time, administrative (principal and assistant superintendent) time, gifted & talented services, and many other areas. For the 2008-2009 budget, we have proposed to cut two classroom teacher positions through retirement and continued to pare back expenses in other areas. These were substantial cutbacks that have made our program considerably less able to respond to the needs of all students. With the additional subsidy cuts, we would have to cut into the program substantially more, effectively gutting what remains.

It will be up to the school committee and, eventually, the town to determine how much more of a cut the school should continue to take. Since there were very few school parents at this year’s town meeting, please follow the ongoing budget discussion and come to vote at the next town meeting when taxpayers will be asked to approve a budget for the school.

**Technology Committee**

If you are interested in serving with a group of up to five people to create a plan for technology in our school, please contact Dr. Buckingham. We want to work on this soon!