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FY27 Proposition 2½ Override Commitments

March 28, 2026, Override Election

- 1. Exercise fiscal discipline while providing stable, quality education and municipal services**
 - a. Commit to no Proposition 2 ½ overrides prior to Fiscal Year 2030
 - b. Increase Arlington Public Schools' operating budget by 4.0% annually from FY27-FY29
 - c. Increase General Government operating budget by 3.25% annually from FY27-FY29

- 2. Minimize impact on taxpayers, particularly seniors and others with income challenges.**
 - a. Publicize and offer information sessions on property tax relief programs, including various tax exemptions, new municipal Senior Means-Tested circuit breaker, and tax deferral options, as well as tax work-off program and Elderly & Disabled Property Tax Relief Fund
 - b. Pursue new revenue sources and identify ways to increase current revenue sources
 - c. Seek efficiencies in all areas of the organization to find opportunities for cost savings
 - d. Continue to aggressively pursue external grant and earmark opportunities to leverage Town funds

- 3. Maintain strong financial position through prudent fiscal planning**
 - a. Maintain financial reserves at 5% or better for the duration of the 3-year override period to mitigate risks
 - b. Maintain responsible funding levels for Retirement System (Pension) and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)