

Warrants and Capital Needs for FY 18  
DRAFT For Fall Town Meeting

	Potential Warrants		
<b>1</b>	Auditorium-priority for repair is seating and lighting	\$55,000	Seating is broken, lighting and audio are original and failing
<b>2</b>	Instructional Resources	\$34,600	Instructional resources and materials to align to Social Studies and Unified Arts
<b>3</b>	Funding of Stabilization Fund for purchase of 2 busses at end of lease	\$90,000	Since voted funds were removed from previous account and a new account created, funding of this account must occur so that we can purchase adequate number of buses (2) at end of lease
<b>4</b>	Establish Bus Lease Stabilization Fund	\$0	Establish the Stabilization Fund for purchase of buses
<b>5</b>	Special Education Van	\$27,000	Continuation of replacement cycle
		<b>\$206,600</b>	

**TOWN OF MILLIS  
FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET  
REQUEST**

**FORM #7  
FALL WARRANT ARTICLE**

**DEPARTMENT:** School Department  
**DIVISION:** Facilities

**BUDGET REQUESTED: 55,000**

**PROJECT TITLE: Auditorium Renovations**

**LOCATION: Middle/High School**

**JUSTIFICATION/NEED FOR PROJECT:**

The Millis High/Middle School Auditorium is a 440-seated theater that hosts numerous events for the schools, community and also hosts Millis Town Meetings. The renovation/repair of the Auditorium has been put off several years and the lighting, audio and seating are all in need of repair. The lighting system has original wiring, fixtures and control board. The system has been failing, requiring additional lighting to be installed. There are circuits that have been eliminated and fixtures that have no connectivity. The control panel is temperamental at best and requires special procedures to work and at times needs to be unplugged to reset.

The seating is outdated and parts cannot be purchased any longer to fix the seats needing repair. The maintenance staff has been eliminating seats and stations over the past couple years to use as replacement parts for other seating areas. The seating capacity presently is about 30 seats less than capacity because of this procedure. The flooring is simply worn down from years of use. Areas need to be taped down because worn out areas have created trip hazards and to prevent additional wearing. This year's priority is for replacement of the middle section of seating where many chairs are broken. This would provide us with parts to repair some other chairs in other sections as well.

Priorities are lighting and seating. However, the sound system is also in need of upgrading. It is in working order despite it also having original speakers, control board and wiring as well. The control board has limited ports (8) with only 4 microphone jacks at the stage. We're hoping to double the ports/outputs with a larger control board that will also have wireless connectivity.

The enhancement would be a benefit for all who attended or are involved with an event/production. This is the only theater in town and it represents not only the town's people of Millis but also the numerous attendees who live elsewhere.

**WHAT FISCAL YEAR IS PROJECT ANTICIPATED TO BEGIN? FY 18**

**ESTIMATED USEFUL LIFE: Unknown**

**COST: 55,000**

**IS THERE ANY FORM OF REIMBURSEMENT AVAILABLE TO DEFRAY THE COST? No**

**IS THE PROJECT REVENUE PRODUCING? IF SO, HOW MUCH? No**

**EXPECTED ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION COSTS.**

**WILL THE PROJECT REMOVE PROPERTY FROM THE TAX LIST: No**



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**FORM #7  
WARRANT ARTICLE REQUEST**

**DEPARTMENT: School Department**

**BUDGET REQUESTED: \$34,600**

**DIVISION: K-12 Curriculum and Instructional Materials**

**PROJECT TITLE: K-12 Curriculum and Instructional Materials**

**LOCATION: District**

**JUSTIFICATION/NEED FOR PROJECT:**

**Curriculum and Instructional materials for Social Studies Alignment - COST \$25,000**

Millis Public Schools offer students a comprehensive, challenging education using research- based practices. The instruction and curriculum is being designed as teachers are trying to deliver the instruction in their classrooms, especially when the state adopts new curriculums standards. This year, the Millis Public Schools is revising and updating our Social Studies Curriculum. As part of our process, we examine our content, scope and sequence of the new standards resulted in teachers developing new units or study and/or refining existing units. With new curriculum and units of study comes the need for new materials to address the content. These funds will allow the schools to purchase the new materials necessary to teach the new content in a meaningful way in order for students to grasp the concepts.

**District Curriculum Development – Unified Arts - COST: \$9,600**

Millis Public Schools offer students a comprehensive, challenging education using research- based practices. Often the instruction and curriculum is being designed as teachers are trying to deliver the instruction in their classrooms, especially when the state adopts new curriculums standards. This work would allow the Unified Arts departments the opportunity to develop the scope and sequence of the new curricula in a thoughtful and logical progression. The work will also afford teachers the opportunity to develop teacher strategies or skill sets that would be utilized in their classrooms.

WHAT FISCAL YEAR IS PROJECT ANTICIPATED TO BEGIN? FY 18

ESTIMATED USEFUL LIFE: 10 years

**Total Cost: \$34,600**

IS THERE ANY FORM OF REIMBURSEMENT AVAILABLE TO DEFRAY THE COST? No

IS THE PROJECT REVENUE PRODUCING? IF SO, HOW MUCH? No

EXPECTED ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION COSTS: None

WILL THE PROJECT REMOVE PROPERTY FROM THE TAX LIST: No

**VALUE: 34,600**

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**WARRANT ARTICLE REQUEST**

DEPARTMENT: School Department

BUDGET REQUEST: \$90,000

DIVISION: Transportation

**PROJECT TITLE:** Establishment and Funding of Stabilization Fund for School Bus Buy-out of two buses at the end of the lease.

LOCATION: Millis Public Schools

JUSTIFICATION/NEED FOR PROJECT: The Town voted to establish a Stabilization Fund, Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40 §5B, for the purpose of purchasing previously leased buses for the transportation of students.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, or by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the School Bus Stabilization Fund to replenish the funds previously voted by Town Meeting for purchase buy-out of 2 buses at end of lease. The two best snub- nosed buses will be purchased to provide transportation for fieldtrips, athletics and transportation of students to and from school when the newly leased buses are being repaired.

WHAT FISCAL YEAR IS PROJECT ANTICIPATED TO BEGIN? FY 18

ESTIMATED USEFUL LIFE: 8 years+

COST: \$90,000

IS THERE ANY FORM OF REIMBURSEMENT AVAILABLE TO DEFRAY THE COST OF THE PROJECT? No

IS THE PROJECT REVENUE PRODUCING? IF SO, HOW MUCH? No

EXPECTED ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION COSTS: Costs are contained within the maintenance budget of the Millis Public Schools.

WILL THE PROJECT REMOVE PROPERTY FROM THE TAX LIST? No  
VALUE: \$90,000

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**FORM #7  
Fall WARRANT ARTICLE  
REQUEST**

DEPARTMENT: School Department  
DIVISION: Operations  
REQUEST:

BUDGET \$27,000

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PROJECT TITLE: Special Needs Van  
LOCATION: District wide

JUSTIFICATION/NEED FOR PROJECT: Replace aging van with 150,00 miles. Van is rotting and becoming more difficult to pass the 7-D inspection

WHAT FISCAL YEAR IS PROJECT ANTICIPATED TO BEGIN? 2018

FY 18

ESTIMATED USEFUL LIFE: 7 years  
COST: \$ 27,000

1. DESIGN
2. LAND ACQUISITION
3. CONSTRUCTION \$
4. INSPECTION
5. EQUIPMENT \$27,000

IS THERE ANY FORM OF REIMBURSEMENT AVAILABLE TO DEFRAY THE COST OF THE PROJECT?

No

IS THE PROJECT REVENUE PRODUCING? IF SO, HOW MUCH? N/A

EXPECTED ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION COSTS. N/A

WILL THE PROJECT REMOVE PROPERTY FROM THE TAX LIST? N/A

VALUE: