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BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools face budget woes

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Under the governor's proposed state budget, the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District will be losing state funding because of increased charges related to students attending charter schools and other school districts.

It's the latest piece of bad financial news to affect B-R, which implemented layoffs after voters rejected a pair of override votes that would have raised property taxes to pay for school services.

After the votes, class sizes increased in the middle schools and high school, and students say they are spending more time in study hall and less time in classrooms because extracurricular classes were cut.

The governor's budget is effectively a proposal and would need to be approved by the state house of representatives and senate before it can go into law. In addition, after the house and senate pass a budget, the governor has the ability to cut the budget through a line item veto.

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GoFundMe fraud case victimizing man moves to trial

Amelia Stern

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BROCKTON — The case against a Bridgewater couple accused of stealing nearly \$18,000 the community raised last March to support a now deceased homeless man will move to trial as a judge denied their request to dismiss the charges against them.

Rachel Kadis, 31, of Bridgewater, created a GoFundMe on March 11, 2025, to purportedly raise money for Gregory Bobst, 66, a well-known homeless man who had lived in the community for over a decade. On April 1, Kadis and her husband and co-defendant, Brian Ferreira, 33, also of Bridgewater, invited Bobst to live in the basement of their home.

About a month and a half later, Bobst moved out of the couple's home after the relationship soured, and on June 8, he reported to Bridgewater Police that Kadis and Ferreira were refusing to give him the money from the GoFundMe, according to a police report.

Less than a month later, on July 1, Bobst, who was again living on the streets, died without ever receiving the funds, police said.

Kadis told The Enterprise in an email July 22 that

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See bright orange yard signs around Easton?



Brynn Pantazelos, 11, Natalie Dostoomian, 11, Health Teacher Devin Beck, Caiden Footman, 10, and James Manning, 10, all from Easton and the Richardson Olmsted School in Easton, show the signs they made to promote good mental health in the school library on Jan. 28. MARK JARRET CHAVOUS/THE ENTERPRISE

These students wrote them

Jacob Posner

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EASTON — Hundreds of bright orange yard signs with positive messages are popping up around Easton — though some may be hidden until the snow melts.

The mastermind is Devin Beck, health teacher at Richardson Olmsted Elementary School. "My idea was to have my fifth grade classes all come up with a slogan, a class-wide slogan for yard signs to have kind of a mass effect of positivity," he said.

He got a grant for \$1,000 from the nonprofit Sarah's Village, which was matched with another \$1,000 from the Richardson Olmsted Parent Teacher Association. That was enough for 300 signs, which students

brought home with them.

They struck a chord in town, Beck said, and people have been asking him for their own. Sarah's Village is printing 300 more, he said on Wednesday, Jan. 28. People can get one for free, Beck said, adding, "we ask that they make a small donation to Sarah's Village directly to help cover the cost."

To get a sign, email Beck at dbeck@easton.k12.ma.us.

Counteracting negativity

Beck said he aimed to "flood the town with positivity."

"There's a lot of negativity right now — town-wide, worldwide, just everywhere you look, the news is

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3 representing Portugal at the 2026 Winter Olympics

Lurdes C. da Silva

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Portugal has not yet won any medal at the Winter Olympics, and three athletes are hoping to change that during the 2026 Milano-Cortina Winter Olympics, which begin Feb. 6 in Italy.

One cross-country skier born in Évora, Portugal, and two alpine skiing siblings born in France will be competing under the Portuguese flag.

José Cabeça will return to the Games, after placing 88 in the men's 15km classic competition in cross-country skiing in Beijing 2022. This time, he will be competing in the cross-country skiing sprint on Feb. 10 and, three days later, in the 10km freestyle.

Vanina Guerillot will also be returning to the Games, while her brother Emeric Guerillot will make

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