



*FY21 Operating Budget Discussion  
School Committee Presentation  
April 15, 2020*

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# FY21 Budget

## School Committee Approved Budget

### **Background:**

On March 11, 2020, the Masconomet Regional School Committee approved an FY21 Total General Fund Expenditures Budget of \$37,911,614. This amount included General Fund Operating Expenses in the amount of \$36,324,364 which reflects an increase of 4.7% over FY20. The Committee also voted to assess the Towns of Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield a combined total of \$29,669,841 as the amount necessary to operate and maintain the District, as well as pay debt service, for FY21. This amount included a Total Operating Assessment of \$29,374,089 which reflects an increase of 4.7% over FY20.

On March 25, 2020, the District certified the School Committee's approved March 11<sup>th</sup> budget with its Member Towns pursuant to MGL c.71 s. 16B and Section V{c} of the Regional Agreement.

# FY21 SC Approved Budget – March 11, 2020

General Fund Income	<i>Actual FY17</i>	<i>Actual FY18</i>	<i>Adopted FY19</i>	<i>Adopted FY20</i>	<i>Proposed FY21</i>	<i>Chg \$</i>	<i>Chg %</i>
<b>State Aid</b>							
Chapter 70	\$5,034,459	\$5,090,919	\$5,127,759	\$5,182,999	\$5,254,659	\$71,660	1.4%
Transportation Reimbursement	620,765	596,809	569,053	630,388	633,886	3,498	0.6%
Other State Aid	11,157	57,301	-	10,255	4,444	(5,811)	-56.7%
<b>Local Receipts</b>							
Operating Assessment	25,390,626	25,937,062	26,908,660	28,045,347	29,374,089	1,328,742	4.7%
Interest Income	12,845	36,789	20,000	64,000	60,000	(4,000)	-6.3%
Fees Collected	43,948	36,577	43,000	34,000	34,000	0	0.0%
Miscellaneous Receipts	32,905	13,311	20,000	20,000	10,000	(10,000)	-50.0%
Excess and Deficiency	78,467	0	71,591	0	199,131	199,131	#DIV/0!
Fund Transfers In	704,420	704,420	645,278	645,278	724,155	78,877	12.2%
<b>Federal Aid</b>							
Medicaid Reimbursement	21,975	53,562	22,000	55,000	30,000	(25,000)	-45.5%
E Rate Reimbursement	0	0	2,000	2,000	0	(2,000)	-100.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$31,951,566</b>	<b>\$32,526,749</b>	<b>\$33,429,341</b>	<b>\$34,689,267</b>	<b>\$36,324,364</b>	<b>\$1,635,097</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>General Fund O&amp;M Expense</b>							
Middle School	5,988,160	6,179,928	6,497,782	6,589,794	6,825,593	235,799	3.6%
High School	11,823,576	11,721,057	12,262,612	12,239,950	12,881,621	641,671	5.2%
Other Instructional Services	620,915	627,810	738,358	727,704	785,822	58,118	8.0%
Student Services	3,255,383	3,518,273	3,572,769	3,980,830	4,415,665	434,835	10.9%
Campus Maintenance and Security	1,835,730	1,925,504	1,906,321	2,026,414	2,081,982	55,568	2.7%
Business & Support Services	7,470,665	7,605,630	8,106,225	8,790,482	8,950,890	160,408	1.8%
General Administration	328,102	367,049	345,274	334,093	382,790	48,697	14.6%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$31,322,531</b>	<b>\$31,945,251</b>	<b>\$33,429,341</b>	<b>\$34,689,267</b>	<b>\$36,324,364</b>	<b>\$1,635,097</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>							
Debt Assessment	\$1,081,727	\$1,082,517	\$1,082,567	\$1,076,702	\$295,752	(\$780,950)	-72.5%
State Aid	1,291,498	1,291,498	1,291,498	1,291,498	1,291,498	0	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,373,225</b>	<b>\$2,374,015</b>	<b>\$2,374,065</b>	<b>\$2,368,200</b>	<b>\$1,587,250</b>	<b>(\$780,950)</b>	<b>-33.0%</b>
Principal	\$1,845,000	\$1,920,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,085,000	\$1,405,000	(\$680,000)	-32.6%
Interest	528,225	454,015	374,065	283,200	182,250	(100,950)	-35.6%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,373,225</b>	<b>\$2,374,015</b>	<b>\$2,374,065</b>	<b>\$2,368,200</b>	<b>\$1,587,250</b>	<b>(\$780,950)</b>	<b>-33.0%</b>
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>							
	<b>\$33,695,756</b>	<b>\$34,319,266</b>	<b>\$35,803,406</b>	<b>\$37,057,467</b>	<b>\$37,911,614</b>	<b>\$854,147</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>Total Assessment</b>							
	<b>\$26,472,353</b>	<b>\$27,019,579</b>	<b>\$27,991,227</b>	<b>\$29,122,049</b>	<b>\$29,669,841</b>	<b>\$547,792</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>Operating Assessment</b>							
			<b>\$26,908,660</b>	<b>\$28,045,347</b>	<b>\$29,374,089</b>	<b>\$1,328,741</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>Debt Assessment</b>							
			<b>\$1,082,567</b>	<b>\$1,076,702</b>	<b>\$295,752</b>	<b>(\$780,950)</b>	<b>-72.5%</b>



# FY21 Budget Assessments By Town FY21 SC Approved Budget – March 11, 2020

<b>BOXFORD</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>Chg \$</b>	<b>Chg %</b>
Operating Assessment	\$ 9,535,095	\$ 9,784,969	\$ 10,206,545	\$ 10,668,997	\$ 11,136,008	\$ 467,011	4.4%
Debt Assessment	\$ 407,639	\$ 408,977	\$ 410,036	\$ 409,017	\$ 111,474	\$ (297,542)	-72.7%
<b>Total Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 9,942,734</b>	<b>\$ 10,193,946</b>	<b>\$ 10,616,581</b>	<b>\$ 11,078,014</b>	<b>\$ 11,247,483</b>	<b>\$ 169,469</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>MIDDLETON</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>Chg \$</b>	<b>Chg %</b>
Operating Assessment	\$ 9,116,409	\$ 9,241,983	\$ 9,415,415	\$ 9,968,088	\$ 10,366,591	\$ 398,503	4.0%
Debt Assessment	\$ 387,861	\$ 384,138	\$ 379,817	\$ 382,380	\$ 103,740	\$ (278,640)	-72.9%
<b>Total Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 9,504,270</b>	<b>\$ 9,626,121</b>	<b>\$ 9,795,232</b>	<b>\$ 10,350,468</b>	<b>\$ 10,470,331</b>	<b>\$ 119,863</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>TOPSFIELD</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>Chg \$</b>	<b>Chg %</b>
Operating Assessment	\$ 6,739,122	\$ 6,910,110	\$ 7,286,700	\$ 7,408,262	\$ 7,871,490	\$ 463,228	6.3%
Debt Assessment	\$ 286,226	\$ 289,403	\$ 292,714	\$ 285,305	\$ 80,537	\$ (204,768)	-71.8%
<b>Total Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 7,025,348</b>	<b>\$ 7,199,513</b>	<b>\$ 7,579,414</b>	<b>\$ 7,693,567</b>	<b>\$ 7,952,027</b>	<b>\$ 258,460</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>DISTRICT TOTALS</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>Chg \$</b>	<b>Chg %</b>
Operating Assessment	\$ 25,390,626	\$ 25,937,062	\$ 26,908,660	\$ 28,045,347	\$ 29,374,089	\$ 1,328,741	4.7%
Debt Assessment	\$ 1,081,726	\$ 1,082,518	\$ 1,082,567	\$ 1,076,702	\$ 295,752	\$ (780,950)	-72.5%
<b>Total Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 26,472,352</b>	<b>\$ 27,019,580</b>	<b>\$ 27,991,227</b>	<b>\$ 29,122,049</b>	<b>\$ 29,669,841</b>	<b>\$ 547,792</b>	<b>1.9%</b>



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## *Potential Changes to the SC Approved Budget*

- Given the potential impacts of the Coronavirus and related School Closures on student learning, District Administration believes that it is more critical than ever that the funding necessary to preserve Level Service (or as close to it as possible) be maintained for FY21.
- In response to the School Committee's request on March 25<sup>th</sup>, we have developed a list of potential expense reductions to the March 11<sup>th</sup> Approved Budget to help guide discussions with the School Committee.
- At the direction of the Committee, we have not targeted a specific amount to reduce the approved budget by at this time. However, we have developed a "tiered" approach to targeting a reduction of \$463,378 which would reduce the Total Operating Assessment Growth Rate vs PY to 3.09% (from 4.74%).



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Tier 1	Eliminate additional Property Insurance	11,500	Delay implementation until FY22
Tier 1	Eliminate market pay increase for Daily Sub Teachers	15,600	Delay implementation until FY22
Tier 1	Eliminate four (4) chromebook carts for the MS	28,100	Delay implementation until FY22
<b>SubTotal Tier 1:</b>		<b>\$55,200</b>	
Tier 2	RIF - One (1) Administrator Position*	70,003	Net of "bump"
Tier 2	RIF - One (1) Administrator Support Position*	46,225	Non-Union Position
Tier 2	RIF - One (1) Districtwide Support Position (Operations/IT)*	46,996	Non-Union Position
Tier 2	RIF - One (1) MPFT Position*	52,721	See Article VI of CBA
Tier 2	RIF/Non-renew - Three (3) Paraprofessional Positions*	46,359	See Articles II and X of CBA
<b>SubTotal Tier 2:</b>		<b>\$262,304</b>	
Tier 3	RIF - Two (2) "normal attrition" Teacher positions*	145,874	See Article IX Section 7(1) of CBA
<b>SubTotal Tier 3:</b>		<b>\$145,874</b>	
<b>Total Potential Reduction to FY21 "Operating Assessment" Budget:</b>		<b>\$463,378</b>	
		<b>1.65%</b>	<b>Decrease in Growth Rate versus PY</b>
		<b>3.09%</b>	<b>New Adjusted Growth Rate versus PY</b>
Other	Utilize "Excess & Deficiency" to offset shortfalls in Revenue if Needed	\$346,893	Revise Policy DIBA: Reduce minimum to 3%

\* - Net of Unemployment Insurance Expense and the District's share of Health/Dental insurance Premiums where appropriate.

**APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 11-0-0**



# FY21 Budget Assessments By Town

March 11<sup>th</sup> SC Approved Budget when reduced by \$463,378

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