

Belmont Public Schools  
FY17 “Draft 1” Budget  
Presentation

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**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
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# FY17 Budget Process

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- **Using FY16 to inform FY17**
  - Highlight and Changes from FY16 to FY17
- **Budgeting Process**
  - Zero-based budgeting process utilized
  - Using the Belmont Public Schools Strategic Plan to guide budgeting process

# Using FY16 to Inform FY17

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- District benefited enormously by the Spring 2015 Override funds.
- The funds dedicated to 10 FTEs and Student Services (Special Education Transportation and Out of District Tuition) were much needed.
- The override funding allowed our principals and directors to expend their funds – without any mandated “freezes” -first time in over 6 years.
- The district continues to respond to the increasing demands across the budget due to enrollment.

# Using FY16 to Inform FY17

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- The FY16 budget has been managed well in the aggregate.
- The School Department has made some adjustments to some components of the budget to reallocate funds toward this mandated expense.
- The one line that is forecasted to be substantially overspent is the Out of District Tuition line.
- As of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Update – the school department is forecasting an aggregate shortfall of \$58,000.

# Using FY16 to Inform FY17

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*In planning for FY17 we focused on:*

1. Implementing Year 2 of our three year fiscal plan from the Financial Task Force Budget.
  - Paying mandated student services bills
  - Utilizing the 5.0 FTEs to reduce class size and address enrollment
  - Addressing transportation issues related to increased enrollment

# Using FY16 to Inform FY17

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*In planning for FY17 we focused on:*

## 2. Aligning our budget to the Strategic Plan

1. Providing professional development on prioritized initiatives
2. Initiating a centralized textbook, ebook, and instructional materials process
3. Funding technology and support for the fourth year of our Ipad initiative at Belmont High
4. Adding a centralized registrar to direct the enrollment increases and the class size issues
5. Utilization of a zero-based budgeting process to determine allocations

# FY17 Budget ... by the numbers

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- FY17 has an increase of \$ 2,995,930 from FY16
- This represents approximately a 6% increase \*\*
- The total budget for FY17 is 52,656,000 \*\*
- The updated FY17 School Department budget is **\$50,126,583**

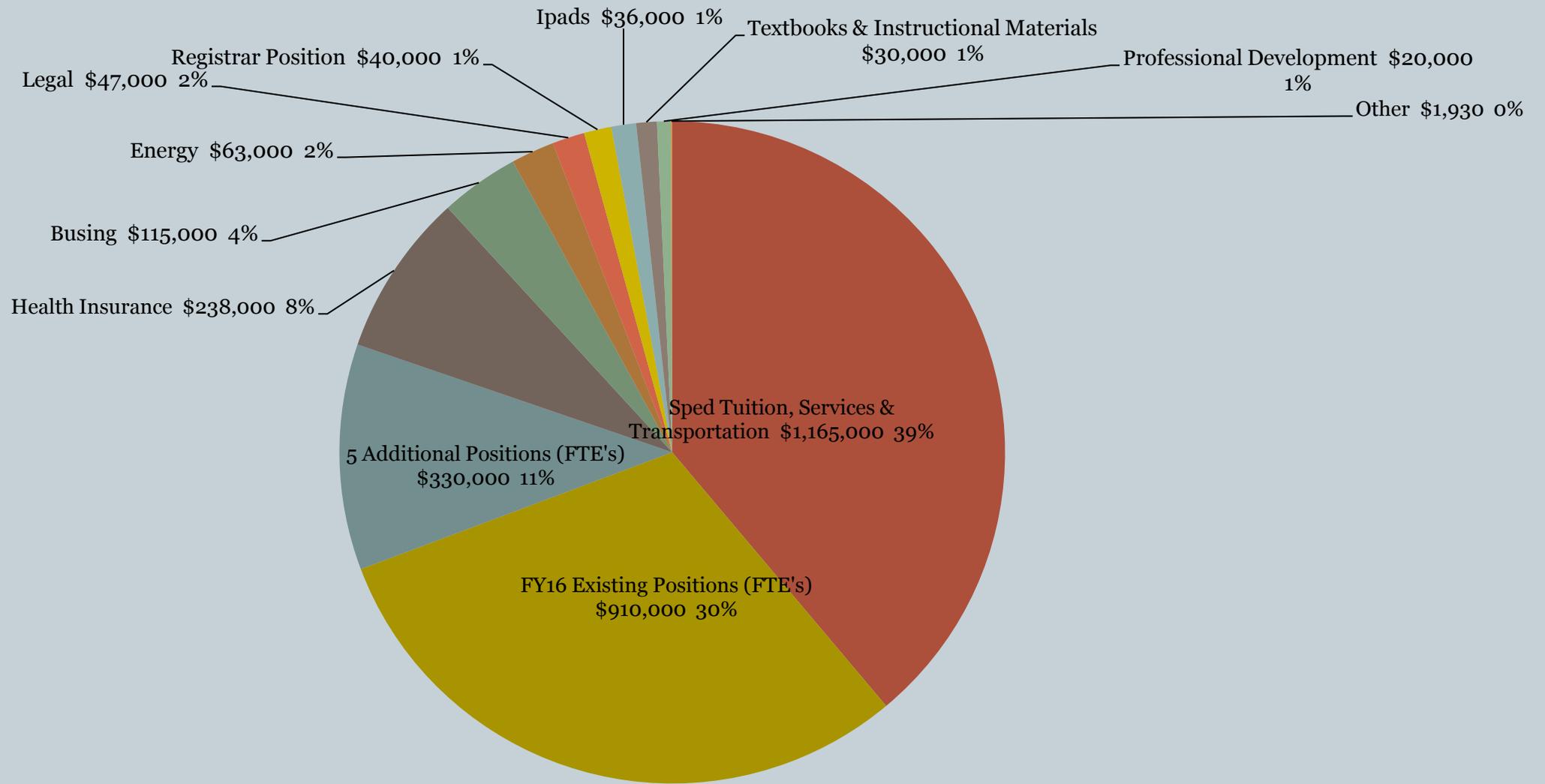
\*\* This total is before the reallocation of \$2.5 million of School Department facilities lines to the Town Facilities Department budget in FY17.

# Budget Increases: FY16 to FY17

## Dollar Amount and % of Total Increase by Category

### Total Increase \$2,995,930\*

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\*FY17 Budget increase of \$2,995,930 is prior to the migration of school facilities line items to Facilities Department Budget.

# FY17 Budget – Guided by Strategic Plan

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## Process

- Used Strategic Plan to guide the prioritization and allocation of funds.
- Initiated a Zero-based budgeting process for all principals and directors for salary and non-salary lines.
- See page 6 of Executive Report – the FY 17 School Department Initiatives are directly aligned with the Strategic Plan.

# Technical Assumptions

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- The School Department will release over \$2.5 million of facilities funds to the Town Facilities Department
- Health Insurance will increase by 2.5%
- All grants will be level funded from FY16 to FY17
- The budget includes all current positions plus the 5 FTEs included in the Three Year Fiscal Plan
- Capital funds will support the furniture and technology needs of the 11 additional classrooms

# Next Steps

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1. This is a “Draft One” FY17 budget to be reviewed and considered by the School Committee.
2. There will be a joint meeting of the Board of Selectman, School Committee and Warrant Committee tomorrow night (2/24/16) to discuss the FY17 Budget.
3. There will be further discussion on the FY17 Budget at upcoming Finance Sub Committee meetings and School Committee meetings.