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TO: Dr. George H. Entwistle 3rd
Superintendent

DATE: January 14, 2011

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RE: Tuition Rates for F-1 VISA Students

The tuition rate for students attending the Belmont Public Schools on an F-1 VISA has been set at \$7,800 for 10 years. I have reviewed the tuition rates of other communities, and include that data here:

Arlington - \$11,813
Brookline - \$14,000
Cambridge - \$22,076
Watertown - \$16,277
Weston H.S. - \$13,950

Section 625 of Public Law 104-208 stipulates that students on an F-1 visa may only attend secondary school (grades 9-12) for up to 12 months, and that the district must charge the "full, unsubsidized per capita cost of education." This cost is the determined as the per pupil expenditure as calculated by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Therefore, I recommend setting the fee for the tuition to be adjusted annually to match the most current per pupil expenditure rate for the Belmont Public Schools.

*Approved by S.G.
14 Jan 2012.*

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