

Belmont Public Schools
FY15 Proposed Budget
May 13, 2014



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Strategic Goals That Inform Budget Priorities

To prepare all students for college, career, and life-long learning through

- a balanced and healthy school experience,
- continuity of curricula aligned with Commonwealth and community standards,
- support for educators to experiment and innovate, and
- clear articulation of instructional models.

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Strategic Goals That Inform Budget Priorities

To support continuous improvement and overall programmatic and fiscal stability by

- engaging administrators, teachers, students, and community stakeholders in generally accepted practices of long-term strategic planning.

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Strategic Goals That Inform Budget Priorities

To ensure that students receive instruction from consistently highly qualified educators who pursue continuous improvement of their art by

- hiring well-prepared and diverse professionals,
- sustaining continuous professional development by means of clear and coherent plans, and
- implementing a successful educator evaluation system in line with new Commonwealth standards.

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Budget Objectives

- Maintain the quality of instructional services at current levels
- Maintain Belmont as a Level I District
- Continue implementing current strategic initiatives
- Sustain continued implementation of new Educator Evaluation System
- Provide mandatory SEI training (Sheltered English Immersion)

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Budget Objectives

- Meet existing contractual commitments
- Continue all new positions from FY14 to meet increased enrollment
- To the extent possible, address increasing class sizes
- Maintain existing facilities and avoid deferred maintenance
- Maintain competitive compensation

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Technical Budget Assumptions

- Town Allocation: \$1.8 Million General Revenues (58%)
- Chapter 70 (Governor's Budget) increases ~\$556K
- Reduction of Minuteman levy from projection transferred to schools = \$145K
- Grant Funds remain same as FY14
- Athletic fee-based fund transfers to General Fund remain at 60%
- Capital Endowment Fund contribution to Math Series = \$31,250
- Apply existing LABBB credit of \$190,000

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Technical Budget Assumptions

- Roll forward all existing positions
 - Includes 18 FTEs that had to be added in FY 14
- Add one half-time custodial position, district-wide
- Pre-Kindergarten Fees to increase 10%
- Special Education Tuitions will increase ~3.2%
- Health Insurance premiums will remain at FY 14 rates
- All other fees neither increase nor decrease

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Primary Cost Drivers

- Contractual Salary Obligations (2/3 of budget)
 - new contracts will increase obligations
- Student enrollment is increasing markedly:
 - up 143 students 5/1/13 to 5/1/14
 - predicted to increase by 115 students in FY15
- Mandated special education costs generally rise 3% to 7% per year

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Unknown Variables

- New Contracts: All Bargaining Units Up for Renewal
- Net Gain in Student Enrollment
 - NESDEC projection suggests an additional 83
 - Experience suggests perhaps 115
- Increases or Decreases in Federal Grants

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Budget Sources

Source	Percentage
Source 1	75.74%
Source 2	12.23%
Source 3	0.02%

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Budget Estimate based upon Available Revenue

GENERAL FUND ONLY	FY14 FTE FTEs	FY15 FTE FTEs	Change (FY14-FY15)	Change (%)
Salaries & Fringe	35,838,665	37,695,811	1,857,146	5.18%
Instructional Expenditures (supplies, materials, software)	1,181,096	1,324,155	143,059	12.11%
Operations (Central Office, IT, reg. ed. transport, maintenance, utilities)	2,943,074	2,752,632	-180,442	-6.13%
SPED (tuition, transport, expenses)	4,395,265	4,373,402	-21,863	-0.29%
Total	44,349,100	46,156,000	1,806,900	4.07%
Total Salary & Fringe	35,838,665	37,695,811	1,857,146	5.18%
Total Non-Salary	8,510,435	8,460,188	-50,246	-0.59%
Grand Total	44,349,100	46,156,000	1,806,900	4.10%

* Note: Based on available revenue estimates as of March 2014. Subject to change.

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Adjustments to Meet Available Revenue
- Materials and supplies held to FY 14 levels (except some planned iPad, Math Series, Prof Dev costs)
 - Department will draw-down one-time funds by:
 - applying available LABBB Credits (\$190K)
 - using most avail Circuit Breaker (CB) funds
 - continuing to charge add'l expenses for fee-based programs to revolving accounts
 - More than 11.3 FTE positions requested by leadership team will not be funded

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Budget Estimate based upon All Sources

ALL FUNDS (Including Fund 10)	FY14 FTE FTEs	FY15 FTE FTEs	Change (FY14-FY15)	Change (%)
Salaries & Fringe	38,180,468	40,068,592	1,888,114	4.95%
Instructional Expenditures (supplies, materials, software)	1,290,494	1,413,093	122,595	9.50%
Operations (Central Office, IT, reg. ed. transport, maintenance, utilities)	4,659,051	4,293,495	-365,552	-7.83%
SPED (tuition, transport, expenses)	6,575,522	6,707,232	131,710	2.00%
Total	50,704,535	52,482,402	1,777,867	3.51%
Total Salary & Fringe	38,180,468	40,068,592	1,888,114	4.95%
Total Non-Salary	12,524,067	12,413,820	-110,247	-0.88%
Grand Total	50,704,535	52,482,402	1,777,867	3.51%

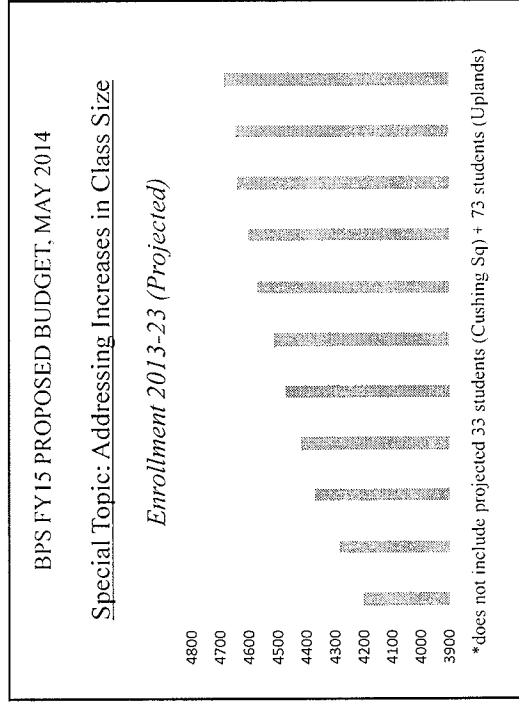
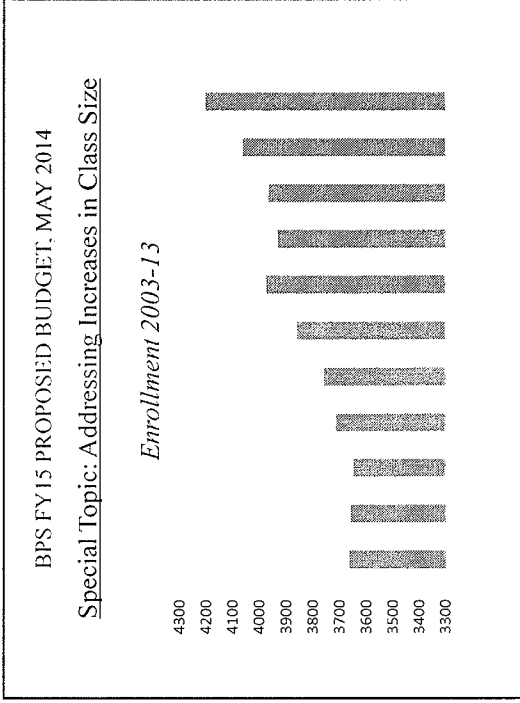
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What Available Revenue Cannot Support
- Additional ELL teacher
 - Additional classroom teaching positions
 - Additional support staff (counselors, administrators)
 - School Resource Officer(s)
 - Reduction of class sizes
 - Funding for materials to meet increasing enrollments and align with new state standards
 - Funding for additional extracurricular programming
 - Reduction of any fees
 - Add'l time for professional/curricular development
 - Any extension of time to the school day

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Priorities If Available Funds Increase

- An additional district-wide ELL teacher
- Two middle school teachers for the 5th grade
- Add 1 middle school specialists to reduce class size
- Add 1 middle school counselor
- Increase high school positions/offerings for electives
- Elementary teachers and aides to reduce class size
- Add 1 Guidance counselors (per Student Life Group)
- Add 1 Informational Technology position
- Increase instructional materials budget
- Add 1 investment in innovation
- School Resource Officer for Belmont High School
- Increased planning time for professionals
(e.g. social/emotional curriculum)



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Enrollment – Short-Term Actions (FY15)

- Expecting 115 new students (NESDEC: 83 – add 38%)
- Expecting new students across district/across grades
- Will manage enrollment growth as we did in FY14
- Assign new K-4 enrollments through Central Office
- Have 15 classrooms at each Grade level (14 for Gr 4)
- If evenly distributed, then on average 1 student added per classroom
- Will exceed guidelines, primarily at middle school

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Enrollment – For Longer-Term, We Will Explore...

- Use and placement of modular classroom units
- Add class sections to reduce class size
- 8-12 or 7-12 grade model as part of BHS renovation
- Possibility of moving Pre-K to modular unit at BHS
- Acquisition or rental of other classroom facilities within Belmont
- Parent Information Center (PIC) to handle all district registrations, new students, and entry
- Grade-level combinations (e.g., Gr 3-4) to manage growth in buildings where new enrollments do not constitute a sufficient number for a full classroom

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Capital Budget Requests

- Capital Requests are separate from Operating Budget
- Requests are submitted to Capital Budget Committee
- Starting this year, facility-related requests are submitted by the combined Facilities Department
- School-related requests this year include:
 - Replacement of IT Storage System
 - Various multi-year project work (building envelope, fire doors, univert replacement, FF&E)
 - Pool upgrades (ceiling, UV system, natural gas co-gen)
- “Statement of Interest” for renovating BHS submitted to Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA)

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Thank You