

Belmont Public Schools FY21 Budget Presentation

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TOWN MEETING JUNE 16, 2020

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Historical Enrollment Trend

	Oct. 1, 2011	Oct. 1, 2012	Oct. 1, 2013	Oct. 1, 2014	Oct. 1, 2015	Oct. 1 2016	Oct. 1 2017	Oct. 1 2018	Oct. 1, 2019	Oct. 1, 2020
BPS K-12 Enrollment	3900	3994	4136	4222	4303	4408	4531	4568	4633	*4700
		94	142	86	81	105	123	37	65	
					<i>Increase, 2011 to 2019:</i>				733	

Updated Enrollment Projections (cont.)

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District Enrollment Projection Summary

	2019/20 Totals (Oct. 1, 2019)	2019/20 Avg/ Grade	Peak Year	Peak Totals	Peak Avg/Grade	2027/28 Totals	2027/28 Avg/Grade	Total Change 2019/20 vs 2027/28	Avg/Grade Change 2019/20 vs 2027/28
Elementary	1825	365	2017/18	1877	375	1823	365	-2	0
Middle	1490	373	2021/22	1621	405	1514	379	24	6
High	1318	330	2025/26	1667	417	1586	397	268	67
	4633	356				4923	379	290	

** The number of grades per school level shown above reflect the current building configurations throughout the district. For consistency, all projections were made using the same configurations through year 2033.

Data Source: McKibben Associates, March, 2018

Per Pupil Expenditures

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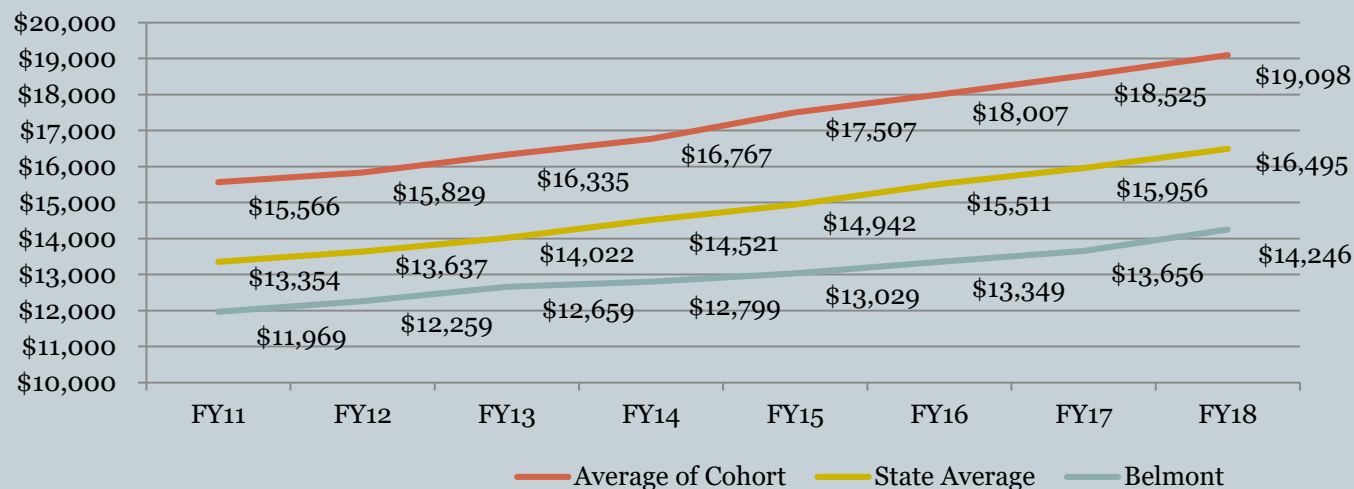
- Review of DESE data shows that from FY11-FY18, out of 27 comparison districts, Belmont has ranked as the 24th, 25th, or 26th lowest district in per pupil spending
- Districts included were comparable districts and neighboring communities:

Acton-Boxborough	Concord	Newton	Wellesley
Arlington	Concord Carlisle	Sharon	Westborough
Bedford	Dover	Sherborn	Westford
BELMONT	Dover-Sherborn	Sudbury	Weston
Brookline	Lexington	Waltham	Westwood
Burlington	Marblehead	Watertown	Winchester
Cambridge	Milton	Wayland	

Per Pupil Expenditures (cont.): Comparison of Belmont to State Average and to Cohort

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DISTRICT	FY11 \$	FY12 \$	FY13 \$	FY14 \$	FY15 \$	FY16 \$	FY17 \$	FY18 \$
State Average	13,354	13,637	14,022	14,521	14,942	15,511	15,956	16,495
BELMONT	11,969	12,259	12,659	12,799	13,029	13,349	13,656	14,246
State Ave vs BELMONT	1,385	1,378	1,363	1,722	1,914	2,162	2,300	2,249
% Below State Average	11.6%	11.2%	10.8%	13.5%	14.7%	16.2%	16.8%	15.8%
Average of Cohort	15,566	15,829	16,335	16,767	17,507	18,007	18,525	19,098
BELMONT	11,969	12,259	12,659	12,799	13,029	13,349	13,656	14,246
Cohort Ave vs BELMONT	3,597	3,570	3,676	3,968	4,478	4,658	4,869	4,852
% Below Cohort Average	30.1%	29.1%	29.0%	31.0%	34.4%	34.9%	35.7%	34.1%



FY21 Budget Overview

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	FY21 DRAFT 1 BUDGET
FY20 Budget	60,649,451
<u>Roll-Forward Existing Staff and Obligations</u>	2,129,377
<u>Strategic Plan Cost Drivers</u>	
● Positions/enrollment - 5.80 FTEs	400,000
● Health insurance for new positions	90,000
● Additional school bus (for a new total of 10)	33,917
<u>External Cost Drivers</u>	
● Health insurance rate increase for all Town Departments - 4%	357,773
● Special Education Tuitions – One-time reduction of 1,700,000 to support overall Town budget; made possible by anticipated FY20 ending CB & IDEA balances (1,700,000 reduction applied after 7% index to FY20 base)	(1,331,347)
● Special Education Transportation – 7% using Town Financial Task Force model	96,770
● Special Education Contract Services – 7% using Town Financial Task Force model	80,500
Total FY21 Budget – Draft 1	62,506,441

FY21 Budget Overview (cont.)

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	ADJUSTMENTS FOR DRAFT 2
Reductions to the FY21 Budget to support the overall Town budget due to decreased state aid estimate resulting from COVID:	
Reduce DW supplies, custodial overtime, substitutes	(361,307)
Eliminate all 5.80 FTE teaching positions	(400,000)
Eliminate health insurance for the 5.80 new positions	(90,000)
Health insurance rate - index by 3% instead 4%	(169,493)
Total Adjustments	(1,020,800)

FY21 Budget: Positions Added – Strategic Plan Cost Drivers

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	FY21 DRAFT 1 BUDGET	ADJUSTMENTS FOR DRAFT 2	FY21 DRAFT 2 BUDGET
FY20 Budget	60,649,451		60,649,451
Roll-Forward Existing Staff and Obligations	2,129,377	(361,307)	1,768,070
Strategic Plan Cost Drivers			
Positions/enrollment - 5.80 FTEs	400,000	(400,000)	-
Health insurance for new positions	90,000	(90,000)	-
Adding another school bus	33,917		33,917
External Cost Drivers			
Health insurance	357,773	(169,493)	188,280
Special Education Tuitions	(1,331,347)		(1,331,347)
Special Education Transportation	96,770		96,770
Special Education Contract Services	80,500		80,500
TOTAL	62,506,441	(1,020,800)	61,485,641

FY21 Budget – Highlights and Assumptions

- School General Fund Budget for FY21 (Draft 2) is \$61,485,641.
- Roll forward all existing positions; no additional positions are included.
- An additional school bus, for a total of 10 buses
- Health insurance premiums are budgeted to increase by 3% over FY20 rates.
- Federal grants budgeted in FY21 as level funded from FY20 plus contractual increases for staff allocated to grants.
- User fees will remain the same for FY21.

FY21 Budget – Highlights and Assumptions (cont.)

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- **Special Education**
 - Out-of-District SPED tuition
 - ✦ Decrease from FY20 General Fund Budget
 - ✦ Additional \$1,700,000 charged to state Circuit Breaker and federal IDEA Grant allocated to the district in FY20
 - ✦ One-time adjustment based on favorable State Circuit Breaker and IDEA Grant allocations in FY20
 - ✦ Done to support the overall Town budget
 - ✦ Projected tuition costs informed by the district's multiyear OOD Tuition Funding Plan
 - Sped transportation @ TFTF index of 7%
 - Special Education expenses @ TFTF index of 7%
 - FY21 state Circuit Breaker allotment has not been reduced in the school budget, unlike all other state aid to the Town, which is anticipated to be a reduction of 25%

COVID-Related Assumptions and Next Steps

- In FY21 the School Department may need to address potential new operational requirements related to the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff; and remote learning.
- We are responding now to the challenges of possible COVID-related operational costs by utilizing remaining FY20 funds to purchase technology devices and cleaning and personal protective items to the extent possible.
- In the weeks and months ahead, as we continue to plan for school in the fall, as informed by developing information and guidance, the School Department may need to reallocate resources within its FY21 Budget and/or ask the Town for additional funding in order to respond to health and other requirements.

Next Steps

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- The Belmont School Committee and School Department are recommending and requesting that Town Meeting vote to approve the FY21 General Fund Budget of \$61,485,641. This amount does not include estimated state and federal grants, and revolving fees, which are budgeted at \$9,799,793 resulting in a total budget of \$71,285,434.