

FY23 Superintendent's Budget Recommendation School Committee Presentation January 19, 2022

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MRSD FY23 Budget Process Overview

OCTOBER

- Submit E&D as of July 1, 2021 to MA DOR for Certification
- Prepare SIMS October 1st Student Enrollment submission for DESE
- Update Internal Budget Tools
- SC Budget Subcommittee Meeting

NOVEMBER

- Submit Final SIMS October 1st Student Enrollment to DESE
- Communicate final October 1st Resident Student Enrollment and FY23 Apportionment Percentages to Member Towns
- Update Internal Budget Tools
- Distribute Annual Budget Kick-Off Memo to MRSD Budget Holders
- Work with MA DOR to finalize Certification of E&D as of July 1, 2021
- SC Budget Subcommittee Meeting

DECEMBER

- Finalize Internal Budget Tools
- Develop Discretionary Spend Budgets by Department
- Develop Staffing Plans by Department
- Develop Special Education Budgets including OOD and Transportation
- Develop Athletics Budget
- Develop District-level Fixed and Variable Cost Budgets by Major Expense Category

JANUARY

- Finalize Annual Operating Budget Recommendation
- Present Annual Operating Budget Recommendation to SC (January 19, 2022)
- SC Budget SubCommittee Meeting
- SC Budget Meetings

FEBRUARY

- SC Budget Meetings
- SC Budget Subcommittee Meeting
- Mail Tentative FY23 Annual Operating Budget to Member Towns (February 16, 2022)

MARCH

- SC Budget Meetings
- Public Hearing (March 2, 2022)
- SC Adopts Final Budget (March 9, 2022)
- Meetings with Town Officials

APRIL/May

- District Treasurer Certifies Budget with Member Towns (by April 8, 2022)
- Meetings with Town Officials
- Topsfield Annual Town Meeting (May 2022)
- Boxford Annual Town Meeting (May 2022)
- Middleton Annual Town Meeting (May 2022)



FY23 Budget Superintendent's Recommendation

Level Service with a minor adjustment to our Staffing Model.

The ESSER III Grant (\$1.35M) will be highly leveraged to provide the necessary additional supports from both an educational and operational perspective.

What Does "Level Service" Mean?

Level Service is a continuation of the current services, programs, and operations of the District.

For FY23, our Recommendation reflects an increase in Operating Expenses of \$862,684 (or 2.3%) and an increase of \$889,983 (or 3.0%) in Operating Assessment versus the FY22 Budget.



FY23 Budget Key Assumptions - Highlights

Revenues

- Chapter 70, Transportation Reimbursement, and Charter School Tuition Reimbursement reflect Final FY22 Cherry Sheet figures. Our Recommendation will be updated once Preliminary FY23 Cherry Sheets are provided in late January 2022.
- MSBA Debt Service Reimbursement of \$1,291,498 is unchanged as compared to FY22. Of note is the fact that FY23 represents the final scheduled reimbursement from the MSBA.
- Excess & Deficiency reflects the anticipated amount to be Certified by MA DOR which exceeds 4% of the district's operating & capital budget for the succeeding fiscal year.
- Fund Transfers In have been reduced by \$137,500 to reflect our recommendation to reduce
 ALL Athletic and Co-Curricular Fees by 25% beginning in FY23.

Salary Costs

- Incorporates placeholder salary and stipend increases for successor Teacher,
 Paraprofessional, MPFT, Professional Administrator, and Support Staff CBAs. All have either expired or are set to expire by June 30, 2022.
- Incorporates placeholders for all other contractual salary obligations in all CBAs (e.g. STEPs and Degree Changes).
- Incorporates anticipated Staff Retirement Replacement salary savings where appropriate.
- Includes a recommendation to increase Teacher Staffing by 0.4 FTE (HS/MS Drama).

NOTE: FY23 Preliminary Cherry Sheets and FY23 Preliminary Chapter 70 Aid and Net School Spending Requirements will be used to update our Recommendation once released.



FY23 Budget Key Assumptions - Highlights

Operating Costs

- No new Services or Programs.
- Incorporates all Level Service Discretionary expense requests from Principals,
 Department Heads, and Operational Unit Directors.
- Incorporates contractual service contract increases (e.g. Transportation and Janitorial).
- Includes an increase in the appropriation from the Essex Regional Retirement Board.
- Includes all known OOD Placements (Tuitions) and related OOD Transportation Costs.
- Integrates other Special Education expenses based on projected student needs.
- Includes a placeholder increase of 2.5% for Healthcare and Dental Premiums (Active and Retired Employees).
- Assumes that there will not be a continuation of the FY22 one-month Health and Dental Premium Holiday (\$275,000) for Active Employees.
- School Choice & Charter School Sending Tuition Expense charges reflect Final FY22
 Cherry Sheet figures. Our Recommendation will be updated once Preliminary FY23
 Cherry Sheets are provided in late January 2022.

FY23 Budget – Assessment Overview

Total Exp	Cotal Expenditures		Adopted FY21	Adopted FY22	Proposed F23	Chg \$	Chg %
Genera	al Operating Expenses (before Offsets)	36,065,385	37,536,315	38,530,480	39,779,145	1,248,665	3.2%
	xpense Offsets	1,376,118	1,675,330	1,809,991	2,195,972	385,981	21.3%
	al Operating Expenses (after Offsets)	34,689,267	35,860,985	36,720,489	37,583,173	862,684	2.3%
	ervice Expense	2,368,200	1,587,250	1,582,000	792,750	(789,250)	-49.9%
	Total Expenditures	\$37,057,467	\$37,448,235	\$38,302,489	\$38,375,923	\$73,434	0.2%
Total Fund	ding Sources	Adopted FY20	Adopted FY21	Adopted FY22	Proposed FY23	Chg \$	Chg %
State Aid							
Chapte	er 70	\$5,182,999	\$5,254,659	\$5,253,339	\$5,253,339	\$0	0.0%
Transp	ortation Reimbursement	630,388	633,886	588,428	688,867	100,439	17.1%
	Debt Service Reimbursement	1,291,498	1,291,498	1,291,498	1,291,498	0	0.0%
Charter	r School Tuition Reimbursement	10,255	4,444	12,385	1,876	(10,509)	-84.9%
Local Rec	eipts					·	
Interes	t Income	64,000	60,000	48,000	12,000	(36,000)	-75.0%
Fees C	Fees Collected		34,000	34,000	34,000	0	0.0%
Miscel	Miscellaneous Receipts		10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%
Excess	Excess and Deficiency		199,131	361,567	451,651	90,084	24.9%
Fund T	Fund Transfers In		724,155	747,901	566,655	(181,246)	-24.2%
Federal A	id						
Medica	aid Reimbursement	55,000	30,000	24,000	33,933	9,933	41.4%
E Rate	Reimbursement	2,000	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
	Total Funding Sources	\$7,935,418	\$8,241,773	\$8,371,118	\$8,343,819	(\$27,299)	-0.3%
Net Asses	sment including Deb Service	Adopted FY20	Adopted FY21	Adopted FY22	Proposed FY23	Chg \$	Chg %
Total F	Expenditures	37,057,467	37,448,235	38,302,489	38,375,923	73,434	0.2%
Less Total Funding Sources		(7,935,418)	(8,241,773)	(8,371,118)	(8,343,819)	(27,299)	-0.3%
2003 1	Total Net Assessment including Debt		\$29,206,462	\$29,931,371	\$30,032,104	\$100,733	0.3%
Onero	ting Assessment	\$28,045,347	\$28,910,709	\$29,640,869	\$30,530,852	\$889,983	3.0%
	Assessment	\$1,076,702	\$295,751	\$290,502	(\$498,748)	(\$789,250)	-271.7%



FY23 Budget Assessment by Town

BOXFORD		FY20		FY21		FY22		FY23		Chg \$	Chg %
Operating Assessment		10,668,997	\$	10,961,352	\$	10,773,426	\$	11,152,231	\$	378,805	3.5%
Debt Assessment	\$	409,017	\$	111,474	\$	105,545	\$	(183,169)	\$	(288,714)	-273.5%
Total Assessment	\$	11,078,014	\$	11,072,826	\$	10,878,971	\$	10,969,062	\$	90,091	0.8%
MIDDLETON		FY20		FY21		FY22		FY23		Chg \$	Chg %
Operating Assessment	\$	9,968,088	\$	10,204,052	\$	10,473,077	\$	10,666,631	\$	193,554	1.8%
Debt Assessment	\$	382,380	\$	103,740	\$	102,490	\$	(171,693)	\$	(274,183)	-267.5%
Total Assessment	\$	10,350,468	\$	10,307,792	\$	10,575,567	\$	10,494,938	\$	(80,629)	-0.8%
TOPSFIELD		FY20		FY21		FY22		FY23		Chg \$	Chg %
TOPSFIELD Operating Assessment	\$	FY20 7,408,262	\$	FY21 7,745,305	\$	FY22 8,394,366	\$	FY23 8,711,990	\$	Chg \$ 317,624	Chg % 3.8%
	\$ \$		\$ \$		\$ \$		\$ \$		\$ \$		
Operating Assessment		7,408,262		7,745,305		8,394,366		8,711,990		317,624	3.8%
Operating Assessment Debt Assessment	\$	7,408,262 285,305	\$	7,745,305 80,537	\$	8,394,366 82,467	\$	8,711,990 (143,887)	\$	317,624 (226,354)	3.8% -274.5%
Operating Assessment Debt Assessment Total Assessment	\$	7,408,262 285,305 7,693,567	\$	7,745,305 80,537 7,825,842	\$	8,394,366 82,467 8,476,833	\$	8,711,990 (143,887) 8,568,103	\$	317,624 (226,354) 91,270	3.8% -274.5% 1.1%
Operating Assessment Debt Assessment Total Assessment DISTRICT TOTALS	\$	7,408,262 285,305 7,693,567 FY20	\$	7,745,305 80,537 7,825,842 FY21	\$	8,394,366 82,467 8,476,833 FY22	\$	8,711,990 (143,887) 8,568,103 FY23	\$	317,624 (226,354) 91,270 Chg \$	3.8% -274.5% 1.1% Chg %

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FY23 Budget Major Expense Category Analysis (After Offsets)

	FY23 Bud	lget	FY22 Bud	get	VS PR	YR		
Expense Category	Tot \$	% of Tot	Tot \$	% of Tot	Chg \$	Chg %		
Salaries	\$ 23,134,615	61.6%	\$ 22,639,865	61.7%	\$494,750	2.2%		
Insurance Benefits (Active and Retired)	\$ 4,739,161	12.6%	\$ 4,459,057	12.1%	\$280,104	6.3%		
Out-of-District Tuition	\$ 2,913,540	7.8%	\$ 2,616,334	7.1%	\$297,206	11.4%		
Maintenance & Security (non-salary)	\$ 1,474,478	3.9%	\$ 1,385,458	3.8%	\$89,021	6.4%		
Retirement Contribution	\$ 1,209,050	3.2%	\$ 1,192,756	3.2%	\$16,294	1.4%		
Transportation - Regular Ed	\$ 1,155,561	3.1%	\$ 1,111,302	3.0%	\$44,259	4.0%		
MIS & Instructional Technology (non-salary)	\$ 528,923	1.4%	\$ 510,444	1.4%	\$18,479	3.6%		
Athletics (non-salary)	\$ 433,158	1.2%	\$ 426,433	1.2%	\$6,725	1.6%		
Transportation - Special Ed	\$ 288,060	0.8%	\$ 550,263	1.5%	(\$262,203)	-47.7%		
Student Services Consultants & Svc Providers	\$ 250,840	0.7%	\$ 279,340	0.8%	(\$28,500)	-10.2%		
Property, Liability & WC Insurance	\$ 205,317	0.5%	\$ 173,328	0.5%	\$31,989	18.5%		
School Choice & Charter School Sending Tuition	\$ 139,088	0.4%	\$ 184,644	0.5%	(\$45,556)	-24.7%		
Unemployment	\$ 24,000	0.1%	\$ 112,500	0.3%	(\$88,500)	-78.7%		
All Other	\$ 1,087,382	2.9%	\$ 1,078,764	2.9%	\$8,617	0.8%		
Totals:	\$ 37,583,173	100.0%	\$ 36,720,489	100.0%	\$862,684	2.3%		



FY23 Budget Primary Salary Expense Drivers

	FY23B v FY22B
Driver	\$ CHG
ALL Union COLA, STEP, Degree, & Stipend Placeholder	\$694,000
All Non-Union Personnel COLA Placeholder	52,000
Increase Daily Teacher Substitute Rate	14,000
Anticipated Retirement Replacement Savings	(51,000)
Increase of 0.4 FTE for HS/MS Drama Teacher	25,000
End of Career Payouts	(32,000)
Carry forward of FY22A Staff Replacement Savings	(207,000)
Total Change in District Salary Expense:	\$495,000
Increase versus FY22B:	2.2%



FY23 Budget February 2nd Meeting Agenda Topics

- Jeff Revenue Sources and Expense Offsets
 - Hopefully we will have FY23 Preliminary Cherry Sheets and Certified Excess & Deficiency by then.
- Patty OOD Tuition, OOD Transportation, & Contracted Service Providers (e.g., OT, PT, SLP, Vision)
- Mary Jo and Phil Drama Teacher Position



FY23 Budget Calendar

OCTOBER 12, 2021	BUDGET SUBCOMMITEE MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2021	DISTRICT SUBMITS JULY 1, 2021 E & D TO MA DOR FOR CERTIFICATION
NOVEMBER 3, 2021	DISTRICT DISTRIBUTES OCTOBER 1, 2021 RESIDENT STUDENT ENROLLMENT TO TOWNS
NOVEMBER 3, 2021	FY23 BUDGET KICK-OFF MEMO DISTRIBUTED TO MRSD BUDGET HOLDERS
NOVEMBER 15, 2021	BUDGET SUBCOMMITEE MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2022*	FY23 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
JANUARY 26, 2022	BUDGET SUBCOMMITEE MEETING w/ DEPARTMENT HEADS (5:00 PM)
FEBRUARY 2, 2022*	SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONDUCTS FY23 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS
FEBRUARY 9, 2022	BUDGET SUBCOMMITEE MEETING w/ TOWN BOARDS (6:30 PM)
FEBRUARY 16, 2022	DISTRICT MAILS TENTATIVE FY23 BUDGET TO TOWN OFFICIALS
FEBRUARY 16, 2022*	SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONDUCTS FY23 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS
FEBRUARY 28, 2022 (Mon)*	SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONDUCTS FY23 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS (IF NEEDED)
MARCH 2, 2022*	SCHOOL COMMITTEE HOLDS FY23 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 2, 2022*	SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONDUCTS FY23 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS
MARCH 7, 2022 (Mon)*	SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONDUCTS FY23 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS (IF NEEDED)
MARCH 9, 2022*	SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONDUCTS FY23 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS
MARCH 9, 2022*	SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADOPTS FINAL FY23 BUDGET
MARCH & APRIL 2022	MEETINGS WITH TOWN OFFICIALS
APRIL 8, 2022	DISTRICT TREASURER CERTIFIES FY23 BUDGET WITH TOWNS
MAY 2022	ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGS
* Denotes Regular School Comm	ittee Meeting Dates.