



BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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SUBJECT: FY22 Budget Revote and FY22 Fiscal Update

FY22 Budget Revote

Based on revised salary and non-salary projections, inclusive of transfers made for personnel changes through August, I recommend School Committee approval for the following salary and non-salary total expenditures in the budget revote for fiscal year 2022. Additional transfers resulting from salary changes through turnover savings and/or attrition are expected, and will be reported in the next fiscal update.

Major Expense Category	FY22 Approved Budget	FY22 Adjusted Budget	Difference	%
Salary	\$36,196,698	\$36,212,522	\$15,824	83%
Non-Salary	\$7,433,340	\$7,417,516	-\$15,824	17%
Grand Total	\$43,630,038	\$43,630,038	\$0	100%

Motion: That the School Committee approve the FY22 Adjusted Budget as provided.

FY22 Budget Update

As the year has gotten underway, an important area of focus has been on the district's Covid-19 contingency funding which was approved as a separate "recovery budget" supported by Town reserves in an amount up to \$1.4 million dollars.

As guidelines for health and safety and for implementing DESE's acceleration road map were clarified over the spring and summer, and student enrollment levels were better known, the district refined its hiring and program plans. Without social distancing requirements, the district was able to significantly reduce hiring plans, from 17 FTE to 6 FTE professional teachers.

Additionally, school ARPA grants will further reduce the school's reliance on Town reserve funds. The ARPA ESSER III grant supports research-based learning acceleration, equity and SEL, and has been allocated under the Title I formula. The ARPA Special Ed IDEA and Early Childhood

grant supports general special education programming, will add some additional needed resources and also will offset special education paraprofessional costs.

Bedford's municipal ARPA grant is also expected to cover some Covid-related school expenses including PPE, sanitation, and HVAC. Other costs may potentially be eligible and will be reviewed by the Town for compliance with grant eligibility.

With additional expenses of \$1.2 million offset by \$685,465 in grants received to-date, the currently projected school deficit is \$553,130. See the chart below for expenses and offsets to budget:

FY22 UNBUDGETED COVID RELATED COSTS	LOCATION	FTE	\$	SCHOOL ARPA ESSER III GRANT	SCHOOL ARPA SPED GRANT	MUNI ARPA ASSUMED-TO-DATE	BALANCE
K-12 Summer School Programming	SYSTEM WIDE		\$146,000	\$ 146,000			\$ -
K-5 Instructional Supplies and Equip	SYSTEM WIDE		\$89,000				\$ 89,000
Curriculum and Prof Development	SYSTEM WIDE		\$144,000	\$ 110,223			\$ 33,777
Nurse Substitutes	SYSTEM WIDE		\$83,000				\$ 83,000
Covid Coverage Substitutes	SYSTEM WIDE		\$100,000				\$ 100,000
PPE / Safety Protocols / Facilities HVAC	SYSTEM WIDE		\$241,003			\$ 241,003	\$ -
Custodial Overtime	SYSTEM WIDE		\$30,000				\$ 30,000
1 Year Teacher	DISTRICTWIDE	1.0	\$50,583	\$ 50,583			\$ -
1 Year Elementary Teacher	LANE SCHOOL	3.0	\$159,584	\$ 53,194			\$ 106,390
1 Year Special Ed Teacher	HIGH SCHOOL	1.0	\$58,637				\$ 58,637
1 Year Special Ed Teacher	LANE SCHOOL	1.0	\$54,724				\$ 54,724
Annual Renewal of Online Curriculum	SYSTEM WIDE		\$102,064				\$ 102,064
TOTAL		6.0	\$1,258,595	\$ 360,000	\$ -	\$ 241,003	\$ 657,592
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)							\$ (657,592)
ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET NEW REVENUE OFFSETS							
Special Ed ParaProfessionals	SYSTEM WIDE				\$ 84,462		\$ 84,462
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)							\$ (573,130)

The next significant financial news to expect is confirmation of the circuit breaker reimbursement level for the FY22 school year. The level of reimbursement is important, and can be up to 75%. Also, the amount of special education transportation costs that could be reimbursed will be determined.

If special education transportation costs are reimbursed as planned under the Student Opportunity Act (SOA), then this will be new funding for the district that will have a positive fiscal impact. Additional savings in the school base operating budget would further reduce the projected deficit. We hope to hear about circuit breaker funding in October

Please let me know if you have any further questions.