



# Bedford Public Schools

## Preliminary FY24 Budget Preview

School Committee November 8, 2022

Finance Committee November 17, 2022



# FY24 Budget Development Process:

## Goals

- Adhere to the FinCom budget guideline
- Advance district-wide goals
- Create a student-centered budget
- Meet all contractual obligations

# FY24 Budget Development Process:

## **Identification of Priorities**

- Identify unmet student needs
- Review expenses for alignment with district goals
- Continue to support district strategic initiatives
- Capitalize on opportunities for efficiency and consolidation

# FY24 Budget Development Process:

## **Where are we in the process?**

- Projected Maintenance of Effort (MOE Budget)
  - *Which includes an adjustment to the number of elementary classes due to enrollment*
- Identified all expenses increasing above 3.5%
  - *Known budget drivers*
- Continuing review of additional budget needs and priorities with district and school-based leaders

# FY24 Enrollment Changes

- MOE Budget is based on enrollment and class size guidelines
- Lower elementary enrollment expected
  - 55 fewer students projected
- Enrollment growth at JGMS and BHS
  - 30 more students projected

# FY24 Enrollment Changes by School

School	Actual FY22 (2021-22)	Prelim FY23 (2022-23)	Yr-over- Yr Change FY23	Projected FY24 (2022-23)	Projected Yr-over-Yr Change FY24
Preschool at Davis	46	44	-2	46	2
Davis	498	468	-30	446	-22
Lane	598	587	-11	554	-33
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	1,096	1,055	-41	1,000	-55
John Glenn Middle School	612	596	-16	608	12
Bedford High School	849	841	-8	858	17
TOTAL SECONDARY	1,461	1,437	-24	1,467	30
TOTAL K-12	2,557	2,492	-65	2,467	-25
TOTAL PREK-12	2,603	2,536	-67	2,513	-23

# FY24 Enrollment Changes by Grade

Grade	Actual FY22	PRELIM FY23	Yr-over-Yr Change FY23	Projected FY24	Projected Enrollment Change FY24
PK	44	44	0	44	0
K	140	139	-1	148	9
1	171	145	-26	147	2
2	187	184	-3	151	-33
3	195	179	-16	183	4
4	215	190	-25	179	-11
5	188	218	30	192	-26
6	202	187	-15	217	30
7	206	202	-4	188	-14
8	204	207	3	203	-4
9	226	221	-5	234	13
10	201	226	25	217	-9
11	204	194	-10	219	25
12	218	200	-18	188	-12
TOTAL	2,601	2,536	-65	2,511	-25
% change			-2.5%		-1.0%

# FY24 Maintenance of Effort (MOE):

## Budget Drivers

- Contractual increases greater than 3.5%
  - *Regular bus*
  - *Facilities and special education contracted services*
  - *OOD Tuition rates (14% rate increase - inflation, workforce stability)*
  - *Leased student devices 1:1*
- Mandated special education services
  - *FTE increases required to meet IEP services*



# FY24 Maintenance of Effort (MOE): **Preliminary Estimate**

Major Expense	FY22 Budget	FY23 Budget	FY24 MOE	\$ Change	% Change
SALARIES	\$36,212,522	\$37,571,091	\$38,515,739	\$944,648	2.51%
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$7,417,516	\$7,585,999	\$8,006,644	\$420,645	5.55%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$43,630,038</b>	<b>\$45,157,090</b>	<b>\$46,522,383</b>	<b>\$1,365,293</b>	<b>3.02%</b>

# FY24 Available for Additional Needs

School FY24 budget allocation (based on 3.5%)	\$46,737,588
LESS FY24 MOE Budget	\$46,522,383
Potential remaining for additional needs	\$215,205
% available	0.46%

- Additional Needs currently total \$400K
- There is currently a budget gap between identified needs and potential funds available

# FY24 Additional Needs: **Priorities**

- Special Education FTE increase
  - *cohort advancement, caseload, mandated services*
- Regular Education
  - *Fractional Teacher Increases at secondary schools*
- Instructional and curriculum supplies and services to continue to meet student needs

# FACTORS IN THE FY24 Tuition Budget

- Special Education Out-of-District Enrollment has been stable with multiple residential placements ending as students turn 22 years old (over the past two years)
- The average Out-of-District enrollment cost per student has decreased (prior to annual tuition rate increases) keeping overall gross tuition costs relatively stable (even after rate increases).
- Circuit Breaker reimbursements have been trending up as has use of Circuit Breaker to offset the amount of Out-of-District tuition expense carried in the operating budget
- Out-of-District tuition reserve amount needed has decreased for the past two years (\$450K, \$250K).

# FY24 Other Budget Factors

- Need for an Out-of-district Tuition Supplemental Funds continues
- Full funding for Circuit Breaker tuition and transportation funds - advocacy by MASS
- FY24 budget does not rely on Covid relief funds
- Inflation, Supply Chain, and Workforce Challenges

# FY24 Budget - Next Steps

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| 12/20/2022 | Superintendent's Budget Presentation to <b>School Committee</b>             |
| 1/10/2022  | School Committee Budget Review and Discussion                               |
| 1/17/2022  | School Committee Budget Review and Discussion                               |
| 1/24/2022  | School Committee Budget Hearing and Vote<br><i>Budget Hearing 7:00 p.m.</i> |
| 2/2/2022   | School Budget Presentation at <b>Finance Committee</b>                      |
| 2/9/2022   | Continued discussion, vote at <b>Finance Committee</b> (if needed)          |

Thank You

Questions?