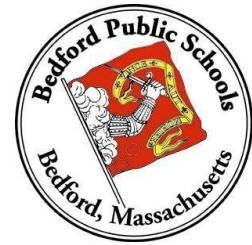


BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



To: Members of the Bedford School Committee
From: Cliff Chuang, Superintendent
Date: January 12, 2024
Subject: FY25 Budget Update

Thank you for the additional feedback on the Superintendent's FY25 Budget Proposal at your January 9, 2024, meeting. At your January 16, 2024, meeting, I will be presenting revisions to the FY25 budget proposal based on your feedback and request clear direction from you so that we can prepare a final proposal for the FY25 Open Budget Hearing at your January 23, 2024, meeting.

Based on the feedback you provided, you can expect the following changes in the revised budget proposal.

- Restoration of the 4th grade teaching position at the Lane School, bringing the projected average class size to 21.2 students, just under the 22 - 24 student range established by school committee guidelines (compared to 23.9, just under the top of the range).
- A reduction in the request to further support Bedford's data technology infrastructure.
- A reduction in the K-5 coverage model proposed for Davis to align to that for Lane, i.e., one general education TA per grade level (instead of two).
- A reduction in the proposed investment for initial implementation of the next district improvement plan.

In addition, please see the [attached memo](#) from Director of Finance Julie Kirrane with additional information and operational and policy considerations gathered by Director of Finance Julie Kirrane on the proposed Special Education Stabilization Fund to more sustainably manage volatile special education costs. We also expect that Town Manager Matt Hanson will join us to share his experience and perspective on special education stabilization funds. I will also provide some additional information on our class size guidelines relative to other districts.

As a reminder, here is the remaining projected timeline for the FY25 budget process:

Date	Event
1/23/2024	School Committee Public Budget Hearing and Vote
1/25/2024	School Budget Presentation to Finance Committee
2/1/2024	Additional Discussion/Vote at Finance Committee (as needed)
3/25/24	Town Meeting Vote

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Reference Document: [Special Education Stabilization Fund Add'l Info Memo - 2024.01.11](#)