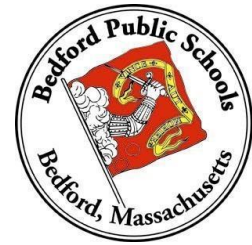


BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



To: Members of the Bedford School Committee
From: Cliff Chuang, Superintendent
Date: February 9, 2024
Subject: 2024-2027 Student Opportunity Act Plan - 1st Read & Vote

The Student Opportunity Act (SOA) was enacted in 2019, injecting significant new funding into the Commonwealth's educational system, with a focus on providing funding to districts serving students with the greatest needs. The law also included a critical provision that requires every district to set clear targets for improving disparities in achievement among student groups and develop a three-year plan to implement evidence-based strategies to meet their targets. The first set of three-year plans were submitted amid the backdrop of the COVID pandemic and, spanning 2021-2024. The second round of three-year plans is due to DESE on April 1, 2024.

At your February 13, 2024, meeting, we will present Bedford Public School's 2024-2027 Student Opportunity Act plan for your approval, as required by DESE, prior to formal submission. As with our first SOA plan, this next SOA plan will focus on literacy. The plan focuses on the shift we are making in our approach to literacy instruction as discussed throughout the fall and winter. Our local efforts to improve literacy achievement, especially for subgroups of students we have historically underserved (African American/Black students, students with disabilities, and low-income students), are fully aligned with the intent, purposes, and requirements of SOA.

Please feel free to contact me or Assistant Superintendent Clifford with any questions.

Recommended Motion: The School Committee approves the proposed 2024-2027 Bedford Public Schools Student Opportunity Act Plan.

Reference Documents:

- [2024-2027 Bedford Public Schools Student Opportunity Act Plan](#)
- [FY24 SOA Plan Guidance Materials](#)