



## **Section 9: Education**



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**Superintendent's Budget Message**

In developing the budget for the 2014-15 school year, I worked with the Leadership Team and their respective staffs to develop a budget that was based on what was needed to level fund the district and overcome the previous deficit. This resulted in a significant increased contribution from the City at \$1,916,870, or an increase of 8.25%. The increase was critical this year as the Newburyport Public Schools saw a loss in revenue from school choice, as well as, using all monies remaining in the fund balance.

This coming year will be an exciting one for the Newburyport Public Schools with the opening of the new Bresnahan School that will serve students in grades PreK-Grade 3. We will also have completed the renovation of the Nock/Molin school building. Along with the new and renovated buildings, we are adding over \$2 million of new technology. This will include new servers, wireless access points and new phone systems. In addition, there will be new laptops for staff, and classroom workstations and laptop carts for students. All computer labs will be upgraded along with science and music technology. We are currently in the process of developing a long-term plan and a revenue stream for funding that will include a replacement cycle for all technology devices. Also, this budget includes an additional tech integrator to service both the Nock and Molin Schools' staff with on-going professional development to integrate technology throughout the curriculum. We will also leverage technology to improve our communication with parents and the community. This fall we will unveil a new website with enhanced features including easier navigation, customizable calendars and more information on each school and the district.

Other new items in the budget include a math interventionist at Bresnahan to provide direct services to those children struggling in the area of mathematics. Additional staffing at the High School in the core subject areas will address increased enrollment in next year's sophomore class. At Nock and Molin we will add staff for Art classes, to begin to build back what had been cut in previous years. This budget also ensures that our special education programs have consistent offerings in all buildings.

In partnership with the Mayor, School Committee and City Council, I am grateful that this budget addresses our current needs. This will head the Newburyport Public Schools on a new trajectory focusing on student achievement by enhancing our programs through long-term planning and appropriate funding. I also want to acknowledge the tremendous support from the Newburyport Education Foundation and Business Coalition, the Swasey Foundation, the Parent-Teacher Organizations, local banks, and other businesses and community members. It is through your generous efforts that we will continue to grow and prosper.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Viccaro  
Superintendent of Schools

### **NEWBURYPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS (01-300)**

	FY2011 ACTUAL	FY2012 ACTUAL	FY2013 ACTUAL	FY2014 APPROVED	FY2015 PROPOSED	FY2015 APPROVED
002 - PURCHASE OF SERVICES						
53201 SCH SCHOOL EXPENSES	21,013,234	21,902,865	22,644,436	23,231,943	25,148,813.00	25,148,813.00
002 - PURCHASE OF SERVICES Total	21,013,234	21,902,865	22,644,436	23,231,943	25,148,813.00	25,148,813.00
Grand Total	21,013,234	21,902,865	22,644,436	23,231,943	25,148,813.00	25,148,813.00

### **WHITTIER REGIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL (01-399)**

	FY2011 ACTUAL	FY2012 ACTUAL	FY2013 ACTUAL	FY2014 APPROVED	FY2015 PROPOSED	FY2015 APPROVED
002 - PURCHASE OF SERVICES						
53202 WHITTIER VO TECH SCHOOL	452,634	328,294	275,985	335,705	336,873.00	336,873.00
002 - PURCHASE OF SERVICES Total	452,634	328,294	275,985	335,705	336,873.00	336,873.00
Grand Total	452,634	328,294	275,985	335,705	336,873.00	336,873.00

See Appendix D for the Newburyport Public Schools Budget

See Appendix E for the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School Budget