

Section 9:

Education



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Dear Newburyport Community Members,

Not unexpectedly, the development of the 2017-2018 school budget, brought the usual challenges forward. These included cuts to state funding for both the school department and the City. We are also anticipating the possibility of substantive cuts that may occur at the federal level that may impact future state and local funding for public education. Despite these challenges, the City still was able to provide a 4.19% increase along with a three-year plan to add additional revenue to the schools.

As in previous years, I again worked closely with the members of the Newburyport Public Schools Leadership Team, comprised of building and district administrators, to compile a budget that would meet student needs and add additional staffing where needed. In this budget is funding for an additional World Language teacher at Nock. This will allow our 7th and 8th grade students to receive Spanish instruction every other day for the entire school year. In addition to the salary of a new teaching position, money was also included for supplies and materials for a new classroom. The other additions to the budget were to increase our part-time STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) teachers at Bresnahan and Molin to full-time status, increasing student instructional opportunities in these areas in both buildings.

All of our current staff members will be employed next year. One current unfilled position of a BCBA (Board certified behavior analyst) that services students on the autism spectrum will remain unfilled, as we believe our current staffing is adequate to meet student needs.

Significant items that impacted the budget this year were three-fold: loss of Choice tuition due to limited enrollment options, negotiated staff wage increases and loss of state funding. Despite these challenges, the District will continue to move forward. During the past four years we have been able to add intervention specialists to Bresnahan and Molin, additional nursing support, a Guidance Administrator, additional office personnel, as well as additional related service personnel. With each year, we are slowly expanding our academic opportunities for students as well as providing social emotional support. In addition our athletic facilities have seen sufficient renovations.

As always, I want to acknowledge the tremendous support we have received from the Newburyport Education Foundation, the Swasey Foundation, the Parent-Teacher Organization, local banks, businesses and community members as well as the many volunteers who willingly give of their time. We remain grateful for your many contributions.

Lastly, the Leadership Team of the Newburyport Public Schools remains committed to working closely and in partnership with the School Committee, Mayor and City Council to best serve our students and to meet their future needs.

Sincerely yours,

Susan L. Viccario
Superintendent of Schools,
On behalf of the Leadership Team

NEWBURYPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS (01-300)

	FY2015 ACTUAL	FY2016 ACTUAL	FY2017 BUDGET	FY2018 PROPOSED	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
002 - PURCHASE OF SERVICES						
53201 - SCH SCHOOL EXPENSES	23,234,153	26,351,996	27,402,232	28,651,701	1,249,469	4.6%
59620 - T/O SPEC APPROP FRSHMN SPRTS	0	36,500	0	0	0	0.0%
002 - PURCHASE OF SERVICES Total	23,234,153	26,388,496	27,402,232	28,651,701	1,249,469	4.6%
Grand Total	23,234,153	26,388,496	27,402,232	28,651,701	1,249,469	4.6%

ESSEX NORTH SHORE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL (01-398)

	FY2015 ACTUAL	FY2016 ACTUAL	FY2017 BUDGET	FY2018 PROPOSED	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
002 - PURCHASE OF SERVICES						
53202 - ESSEX NORTH SHORE TECH SCHOOL	21,865	19,829	55,000	73,000	18,000	32.7%
002 - PURCHASE OF SERVICES Total	21,865	19,829	55,000	73,000	18,000	32.7%
Grand Total	21,865	19,829	55,000	73,000	18,000	32.7%

WHITTIER REGIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL (01-399)

	FY2015 ACTUAL	FY2016 ACTUAL	FY2017 BUDGET	FY2018 PROPOSED	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
002 - PURCHASE OF SERVICES						
53202 - WHITTIER VO TECH SCHOOL	336,873	330,403	427,368	568,149	140,781	32.9%
002 - PURCHASE OF SERVICES Total	336,873	330,403	427,368	568,149	140,781	32.9%
Grand Total	336,873	330,403	427,368	568,149	140,781	32.9%

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Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School budget detail
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