



MSAD No. 75 FY 2020 Budget Process Initial Budget Recommendations

Public Budget Forums
March 21-25-26

The FY 2020 Budget Process

Desired Outcomes

- A budget that is centered around the needs of students
- A budget that supports the goals of the District and our individual schools
- A budget that strikes the right balance between the needs of students and the needs of taxpayers

Budget Development and Approval Process

Step 1

- Superintendent develops a FY 2020 budget proposal

Step 2

- Finance Committee reviews budget and makes a recommendation to the Board

Public Hearing
April 25th, 6:00
pm, Room 201

Step 3

- Full Board reviews budget and makes a recommendation to the voters

District Budget
Meeting, May
23rd, 6:30 pm,
Orion PAC

Step 4

- Voters approve a FY 2020 school budget

District Validation
Referendum, June
11th, Town Polling
Places

Superintendent's Recommended Budget Summary

Item	FY 2020	\$ Increase	% Increase
FY 2019 (Current Operating Budget)	\$37,837,233		
Increase to Maintain Services (MOE)	\$38,877,468	\$1,040,235	2.8%
Interest Costs - New Debt Service	\$40,622,770	\$1,745,302	4.6%
Superintendent's Recommendation	\$575,942	\$575,942	1.5%
Total Expenditures	\$41,198,714	\$3,361,481	8.9%

Notes:

- Projected interest costs are an estimate
- This budget does not include teacher salary increases; negotiations with the MEA for a successor contract are in process

Increasing Special Education Needs & Costs

Maintenance-of-Effort Budget

- Special Education costs to address student needs are increasing by \$500,000 in the MOE budget. Cost drivers include:
 - An increase of \$235,000 in out-of-district placement costs
 - An increase of \$73,300 in contracted services (mostly speech & language services)
 - Maintaining 2 additional Ed Tech positions approved by the Board at the beginning of the year; there are no other additions to personnel
- There are currently no plans for assuming services from Child Development Services (CDS)

Increasing Debt Service Costs

- Debt service includes school construction bonds and capital leases for school buses and other vehicles
- The cost of principal payments for MAMS and BCS remain level at \$1,091,215; no interest costs
- New bus purchases are driving a net increase of \$38,799 in capital leasing costs

Bond Schedule

MAMS	Ends FY 2021
BCS	Ends FY 2022
Roof Replacements	Begins FY 2020
New High School	Begins FY 2020

FY 20 Interest Rate Costs (Estimated)

Roof Replacement Bond	\$28,323
New High School Bond	\$1,716,979

Superintendent's Recommended Budget

Priorities for New Resources: Personnel (Salary & Benefits)

Item	Location	\$ Amount
One half-time music teacher	MAMS/MTA	\$35,638
Four Ed. Techs. to address incoming elementary students	Elem. DW	\$162,738
Two Ed. Techs. to support 1-1 needs at the secondary level	MAMS/MTA	\$81,369
One Special Education teacher to address case loads	WCS	\$74,967
One Ed. Tech. to support counselors with 504/direct service	MTA	\$40,684
One half-time secretary to support increased enrollment	WCS	\$24,546
Total Expenditures: Personnel		\$419,942

Superintendent's Recommended Budget Priorities for New Resources: Non-Personnel

Item	Location	\$ Amount
Partially fund ice time for ice hockey team (equity concern)	MTA	\$4,000
Replace one mini-bus (estimate of leasing cost; DOE approved)	Dist. Wide	\$16,000
Replace one grounds truck (including sanding/plowing package)	Dist. Wide	\$16,000
Provide allowance for moving costs to new school	MTA	\$95,000
Begin to work down \$303,152 Food Service accrued deficit	Dist. Wide	\$25,000
Total Expenditures: Non-Personnel		\$156,000
Grand Total: New Resource Recommendations		\$575,942

Note: The Superintendent's recommended budget does not include recommendations from the Mental Health Task Force (not available at time of budget development)

Mental Health Task Force

Primary Recommendations For FY 2020

- Continue discussion of the school counseling service delivery model and curriculum K-12
- Add one Ed. Tech. to support High School Counselors with 504/direct service needs (already in Superintendent's recommended budget)
- Add one social worker to Williams-Cone School (estimated cost: \$74,967)
- Provide contract funding for a part-time High School substance abuse counselor (estimated cost: \$10,000)

Administrative Requests Not Included (A Sampling of Items)

- There is over \$600,000 in administrative requests for new resources not included in the recommended budget
- A sampling of these items includes:
 - Increase teaching positions in world language, science & guidance
 - Additional Special Education staff
 - A back-up generator for the IT network
 - Assistant coaches
 - Additional custodial and maintenance equipment

Estimated Revenue Budget Summary

Item	FY 2019	FY 2020	\$ Increase	% Change
State Contribution	\$13,788,899	\$15,316,515	\$1,527,616	11.1%
Local Share - Total	\$23,797,022	\$25,370,199	\$1,573,177	6.6%
Other Revenues	\$121,500	\$112,000	(\$9,500)	-7.8%
Fund Balance Carry-over	\$129,811	\$400,000	\$270,189	208.1%
Total Expenditures	\$37,837,232	\$41,198,714	\$3,361,481	8.9%

Notes:

- The projected budget does not include salary increases
- The State contribution is increasing \$255,541 before support for new debt service

Estimated Increase in Local Contributions by Town Based on Recommended Budget

Town	FY 2019	FY 2020	\$ Increase	% Increase
Bowdoin	\$2,919,825	\$3,090,205	\$170,379	5.84%
Bowdoinham	\$3,033,690	\$3,232,341	\$198,652	6.55%
Harpswell	\$7,740,547	\$8,433,866	\$693,318	8.96%
Topsham	\$10,244,895	\$10,758,561	\$513,667	5.01%
Total Assessments	\$23,938,957	\$25,514,973	\$1,576,016	6.58%

Notes:

- The above total includes Adult Education
- The increase for Harpswell is greater since the state does not subsidize operating costs or new debt service because of high assessed property values

Use of Fund Balance (A Long Term Planning Approach)

- The FY 2018 audited unassigned fund balance is \$2,405,009
- State statute requires school districts to utilize fund balance levels beyond 3% of the operating budget on a rolling 3-year basis
 - FY 2018 audit worksheet calculates expenditure of at least \$1,263,705 by FY 2021
- The Finance Committee has previously discussed using the unassigned fund balance for two purposes:
 - To mitigate the tax impact of the local share of new debt service
 - To establish a capital maintenance reserve fund

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Questions & Discussion

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