



## **Franklin Public Schools**

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### **Superintendent's Report to School Committee August 11, 2020 School Committee Meeting**

#### **Budget Update and Information**

I want to update the community on the status of the FY 21 budget. When we left school in June, we were quite concerned about the possibility of further reductions as we headed back to school in the fall. While we don't have a final FY 21 budget from the state, the legislators have committed to a level funded budget based on FY 20 numbers and a small increase for inflation. Additionally, we have received CARES funding both to the Schools and to the Town to support back to school efforts related to Coronavirus needs. Keeping in mind that although we reduced positions in the budget, we were able to restore many of the 104 individuals who received non-renewal notices as non-PTS staff members to their positions in the district. Where possible, we rescinded the non-renewal to staff members when a different position opened up due to a vacancy.

I think it is important to note that the district will continue to have long term financial concerns related to school funding due to the structural funding deficit we face based on local and state revenues. However, we are in a more favorable position than we had expected to be based on a commitment of the state to support school efforts to reopen.