



## **Franklin Public Schools**

*Office of the Superintendent  
355 East Central Street; Suite 3  
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038  
Phone: 508-553-4819*

To: Franklin School Committee  
From: Sara E. Ahern, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Re: School Committee FY 21 Budget  
Date: April 24, 2020

The FY 21 School Committee budget was presented and discussed at the March 10, 2020 School Committee meeting and the public hearing was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. This budget was developed over several months, beginning with budget workshops of the School Committee. The Administrative Team established an initial budget, the Superintendent's Recommended budget (presented February 25, 2020), based on input from each principal and central office administrator. Additionally, school based councils at the buildings have input into the budget through School Council meetings. Ongoing development occurred this spring with the School Committee's Budget Subcommittee.

A budget of \$68,767,873 (a 6.03% increase over FY 20), was presented at the budget hearing. This budget includes funding for both current services as well as resources to support critical needs in the following areas:

- Expansion of NECC Partner Program (\$205,000)
- Expansion of GOALS Program to middle school (\$95,000)
- Speech and Language Services (0.5 FTE) (\$35,000)
- Registered Behavior Technicians (2.0 FTE) (\$50,000)
- Transition Coordinator Stipend at FHS (\$4,316)
- REACH Program Coordinator (\$80,000)
- ESPs for STRIVE (1.0 FTE) and GOALS (2.0 FTE) (\$67,500)

The administration has articulated additional needs, which continue to go unmet. These total \$1,210,000 and include:

- Technology Integration Specialists
- Curriculum Specialists
- Technology Replenishment
- Classroom teachers to reduce class sizes at FHS
- Secondary Adjustment Counselor(s)

At the hearing, a few lines were held for discussion. In review, those were:

- 1430 Legal Services
- 2210 Principal's Office
- 2352 Instructional Coach; 2354 Instructional Coach Stipend
- 2356 Professional Development; 2358 Vendor Professional Development
- 9000 Out of District Total

The Budget Subcommittee met again on April 16, 2020 for continued budget development.

At the April 28, 2020 School Committee meeting, I recommend that the School Committee approve an FY 21 budget of \$68,767,873.

"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice"  
Equal Opportunity Employer