



FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Note about Davis Thayer from the Superintendent of Schools

After nearly a year and a half of study, the Franklin School Committee voted at its February 9, 2021 meeting to close the Davis Thayer Elementary School beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. This has been a very emotional decision as this involves the retirement of a beloved second home to so many families, students, and faculty and staff both during current times as well as historically. The school was built in 1924 and has served so many generations of Franklin students.

The decision was made based on reduced enrollment, educational adequacy of an aging building, and financial efficiency. Notably, there has been a significant enrollment decline at FPS during the past decade or so, which has been the result of a decline in births in town as well as shifting age demographics. This is not a result of students leaving Franklin for other choices. The decrease in enrollment is a trend that is happening in many regions, especially in the Northeast/Massachusetts.

As of March 2021, we are planning for a transition for Davis Thayer students to the Keller Elementary School. The Keller Elementary School budget reflects staffing and resources to support an expanded population of students approximating 537 in the 2021-2022 school year.

Both profile pages from Davis Thayer Elementary School and Keller Elementary School are presented within this Budget Book in recognition of their distinct highlights and achievements from the 2021-2022 school year. In the coming months, a Steering Committee of faculty/staff, parents/guardians, and administrators will be working towards the development of a new school culture in the blending of these two school communities.

Davis Thayer Elementary School

137 West Central Street

Franklin, MA 02038

Interim Principal: Edward P. Quigley Ed.D.

Quick Facts

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 219 (as of 2/12/21)

Faculty/Staff: 33

Website: <https://www.franklinps.net/davis-thayer-elementary-school>



Mission Statement

Davis Thayer, in collaboration with the district, families, and the community, will foster a school that learns by equipping students with the skills and knowledge essential to becoming productive citizens and lifelong learners. We will provide a physically and intellectually safe learning environment by modeling and promoting our core values of Respect, Encourage, Challenge, Include, Persevere, and Engage to nurture fulfillment of each student's potential.

Core Values

- **Respect:** Recognize the value each person brings to our community.
- **Encourage:** Inspire the best in others by cheering them on and telling them they can do it!
- **Challenge:** Set goals and reach beyond them, always striving to do the best we can.
- **Include:** Welcome everyone because we all belong to our school community.
- **Persevere:** Keep on trying and never give up, even when learning is challenging.
- **Engage:** Actively participate in our learning by being focused and involved.

School Highlights

- Enrichment and support services offered throughout the school day and beyond include Title I support provided in kindergarten through second grade, English Language Learner (ELL) support, a breakfast program available to all students, and a partnership with the Franklin Food Pantry to offer a Weekend Backpack Program providing food to Davis Thayer families over the weekend and during vacation breaks.
- Extracurricular activities to promote health and wellness include Jump Rope for Heart and a robust social-emotional learning curriculum.
- Fifth-grade Bobcat Buddies club lead whole-school community service projects including donations to the Franklin Food Pantry and Pennies for Patients.
- Davis Thayer's PCC raises funds to provide numerous cultural and academic programs to enrich educational programming and hold community events for students and families.
- Partnership with Dean College supports educational programs and community relationships.
- Monthly Family Fun Fridays inform families about curricular expectations in Math and English Language Arts and familiarize parents with curriculum-based activities to engage students at home.
- Davis Thayer hosts various events led by specialists, including concerts, art shows, and field day activities.
- 2019 Massachusetts School of Recognition for MCAS.

School Achievement Profile

For assessment data, visit:

<http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/general/general.aspx?topNavID=1&leftNavId=100&orgcode=01010035&orgtypecode=6>



Helen Keller Elementary School

500 Lincoln Street

Franklin, MA 02038

Principal: Eric Stark

Quick Facts

Grades K-5 Enrollment 326 (As of 2-12-21)
 Faculty/Staff 79
 Website: <https://www.franklinps.net/helenkeller>



School Motto: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Helen Keller Elementary School, through strong support systems, and with the cooperation of parents and community, strives to educate all students to high levels of performance, measured by local and state standards. We are committed to fostering strong social values and responsibility to self, others and the global community. The entire Keller staff pledges to support this mission in a safe and nurturing environment.

Helen Keller Core Values: Keller Kids Are: Caring, Inclusive, Unique, and Intelligent

School Highlights:

- Extended the teaching of social and emotional knowledge and skills to students
- Supported the well-being of students and staff
- Implemented and further developed a new recess model
- Continued aligning teaching practices with the 2018 History and Social Science Framework
- Used best practices in unit design, created and refined engaging and rigorous interdisciplinary, standards-based curriculum units
- Expanded the Instructional Support Team (IST) process to further meet the academic needs of each student and added an instructional interventionist in grades K-2
- Used formative and summative data to align instruction to grade-level standards and provide differentiated learning experiences for all students
- Expanded communication and collaboration with the School Council

School Achievement Profile

For assessment data, visit:

http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/mcas/achievement_level.aspx?linkid=32&orgcode=01010032&orgtypecode=6&

FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Actual (unaudited)	Helen Keller Elementary School		FY2021 School Committee Approved Budget	FY2021 School Committee Revised Budget	FY2022 Superintendent's Recommended Budget	Dollar Change FY21 to FY22	Percent Change FY21 to FY22	FTE
48,370	51,311	48,789	2120-Department Head/Team	10-Salaries Professional	53,554	53,554	92,187	38,633	72.14%	1.0
48,370	51,311	48,789	2120-Department Head/Team	Chair Total	53,554	53,554	92,187	38,633	72.14%	1.0
199,277	204,144	207,934	2210-Principal's Office	10-Salaries	212,093	212,093	216,335	4,242	2.00%	2.0
49,118	49,632	50,162		20-Salaries Secretarial	50,577	50,577	51,578	1,001	1.98%	1.0
333	961	653		40-Contracted Services	1,200	1,200	1,500	300	25.00%	
2,694	2,936	1,053		50-Materials and Supplies	500	500	1,500	1,000	200.00%	
280	413	713		60-Other Expenses	500	500	4,000	3,500	700.00%	
251,702	258,086	260,514	2210-Principal's Office Total		264,870	264,870	274,913	10,043	3.79%	3.0
	500	859	2250-Administrative Technology	40-Contracted Services	2,500	2,500	552	(1,948)	-77.92%	
	200	0	2250-Administrative Technology	50-Materials and Supplies	0	0	2,500	2,500		
0	700	859	2250-Administrative Technology/Support Total		2,500	2,500	3,052	552	22.08%	0.0
1,991,400	1,841,930	1,850,045	2305-Teachers Classroom	10-Salaries	1,732,042	1,732,042	2,826,509	1,094,467	63.19%	31.4
1,991,400	1,841,930	1,850,045	2305-Teachers Classroom Total		1,732,042	1,732,042	2,826,509	1,094,467	63.19%	31.4
490,754	531,716	591,823	2310-Teachers Classroom-SPED	10-Salaries	616,613	616,614	976,752	360,138	58.41%	11.0
490,754	531,716	591,823	2310-Teachers Classroom-SPED Total		616,613	616,614	976,752	360,138	58.41%	11.0
199,532	182,095	185,145	2320-Therapeutic Services	10-Salaries	190,183	190,183	303,131	112,948	59.39%	3.4
199,532	182,095	185,145	2320-Therapeutic Svcs Total		190,183	190,183	303,131	112,948	59.39%	3.4
	25,375	5,900	2324-Long Term Substitutes	33-Salaries-Substitutes	0	0	0	0		
0	25,375	5,900	2324-Long Term Substitutes Total		0	0	0	0		0.0
26,965	19,800	19,579	2325-Substitutes	33-Salaries-Substitutes	46,000	46,000	46,000	0	0.00%	
26,965	19,800	19,579	2325-Substitutes Total		46,000	46,000	46,000	0	0.00%	0.0
131,538	167,743	174,091	2330-EA's Paraprofessionals	31-Salaries-EA's	183,005	183,005	369,576	186,571	101.95%	17.1
131,538	167,743	174,091	2330-EA's Paraprofessionals Total		183,005	183,005	369,576	186,571	101.95%	17.1
13,144	17,987	18,051	2340-Library	31-Salaries-EA's	16,364	16,364	25,352	8,988	54.93%	1.0
13,144	17,987	18,051	2340-Library Total		16,364	16,364	25,352	8,988	54.93%	1.0
165,371	171,642	171,832	2352-Instructional Coach	10-Salaries	178,182	178,182	277,086	98,904	55.51%	3.0
165,371	171,642	171,832	2352-Instructional Coach Total		178,182	178,182	277,086	98,904	55.51%	3.0
1,230	310	500	2356-Professional Development	60-Other Expenses	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	100.00%	
1,230	310	500	2356-Professional Development Total		1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	100.00%	0.0
19,708	20,003	21,357	2410-Textbooks/Media/Materials	50-Materials and Supplies	20,750	20,750	25,000	4,250	20.48%	
19,708	20,003	21,357	2410-Textbooks/Media/Materials Total		20,750	20,750	25,000	4,250	20.48%	0.0
718	438	570	2415-Other Instructional Materials	50-Materials and Supplies	750	750	750	0	0.00%	
718	438	570	2415-Other Instructional Materials-Library Total		750	750	750	0	0.00%	0.0
6,054	0	0	2420-Instructional Equipment	40-Contracted Services	0	0	0	0		
6,054	0	0	2420-Instructional Equipment Total		0	0	0	0		0.0
28,717	30,216	19,511	2430-General Supplies	50-Materials and Supplies	17,597	17,597	39,738	22,141	125.82%	
28,717	30,216	19,511	2430-General Supplies Total		17,597	17,597	39,738	22,141	125.82%	0.0
	3,246	1,753	2454-Instructional Hardware	40-Contracted Services	0	0	1,720			
	2,670	4,873		50-Materials and Supplies	6,500	6,500	5,710			
0	5,916	6,626	2454-Instructional Hardware Total		6,500	6,500	7,430	930	14.31%	0.0
8,038	8,524	3,978	2455-Instructional Software	40-Contracted Services	7,500	7,500	12,000	4,500	60.00%	
8,038	8,524	3,978	2455-Instructional Software Total		7,500	7,500	12,000	4,500	60.00%	0.0
36,653	41,619	84,070	2710-Guidance/Counseling	10-Salaries	85,751	85,751	161,979	76,228	88.89%	2.0
				50-Materials and Supplies			1,500	1,500		
36,653	41,619	84,070	2710-Guidance/Counseling Total		85,751	85,751	163,479	77,728	90.64%	2.0
38,465	45,264	45,717	2800-Psychological Services	10-Salaries	46,631	46,631	94,825	48,194	103.35%	1.1
164	225	0		50-Materials and Supplies	0	0	0	0		
38,629	45,489	45,717	2800-Psychological Services Total		46,631	46,631	94,825	48,194	103.35%	1.1
53,711	59,821	59,525	3200-Medical/Health Services	10-Salaries	57,001	57,001	103,382	46,381	81.37%	1.5
1,182	1,182	788		40-Contracted Services	1,182	1,182	1,200	18	1.52%	
1,085	1,211	775		50-Materials and Supplies	1,250	1,250	3,000	1,750	140.00%	
55,978	62,214	61,088	3200-Medical/Health Services Total		59,433	59,433	107,582	48,149	81.01%	1.5
3,018	1,599	467	3520-Other Student Services	50-Materials and Supplies	500	500	500	0	0.00%	
3,018	1,599	467	3520-Other Student Services Total		500	500	500	0	0.00%	0.0
3,517,519	3,484,713	3,570,513	Total Keller Elementary		3,529,725	3,529,726	5,647,862	2,118,136	60.01%	75.5

The Davis Thayer Budget page is added for historical reference.

FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Actual (unaudited)	Davis Thayer Elementary School		FY2021 School Committee Approved Budget	FY2021 School Committee Revised Budget	FY2022 Superintendent's Recommended Budget	Dollar Change FY21 to FY22	Percent Change FY21 to FY22	FTE
35,360	37,180	37,147	2120-Department Head/Team Chair	10-Salaries Professional	38,250	38,250		(38,250)	-100.00%	
35,360	37,180	37,147	2120-Department Head/Team Chair	Total	38,250	38,250	0	(38,250)	-100.00%	0.0
172,310	160,112	169,789	2210-Principal's Office	10-Salaries	172,352	172,352		(172,352)	-100.00%	
45,610	47,148	48,028		20-Salaries Secretarial	48,266	48,266		(48,266)	-100.00%	
281	249	110		40-Contracted Services	300	300		(300)	-100.00%	
807	2,468	1,549		50-Materials and Supplies	2,000	2,000		(2,000)	-100.00%	
1,508	1,482	539		60-Other Expenses	1,500	1,500		(1,500)	-100.00%	
220,516	211,459	220,015	2210-Principal's Office Total		224,418	224,418	0	(224,418)	-100.00%	0.0
	0	60	2250-Administrative Technology/Supp	40-Contracted Services	200	200		(200)	-100.00%	
	0	2,303		50-Materials and Supplies	2,500	2,500		(2,500)	-100.00%	
0	0	2,303	2250-Administrative Technology/Support Total		2,700	2,700	0	(2,700)	-100.00%	0.0
1,011,752	1,150,712	1,188,641	2305-Teachers Classroom	10-Salaries	1,152,516	1,152,516		(1,152,516)	-100.00%	
1,011,752	1,150,712	1,188,641	2305-Teachers Classroom Total		1,152,516	1,152,516	0	(1,152,516)	-100.00%	0.0
442,340	524,371	447,259	2310-Teachers Classroom-SPED	10-Salaries	491,048	491,048		(491,048)	-100.00%	
442,340	524,371	447,259	2310-Teachers Classroom-SPED Total		491,048	491,048	0	(491,048)	-100.00%	0.0
125,795	125,693	132,386	2320-Therapeutic Services	10-Salaries	138,016	138,016		(138,016)	-100.00%	
125,795	125,693	132,386	2320-Therapeutic Svcs Total		138,016	138,016	0	(138,016)	-100.00%	0.0
0	15,475	14,000	2324-Long Term Substitutes	33-Salaries-Substitutes	0	0		0	-100.00%	
40,330	26,543	15,035	2324-Long Term Substitutes Total		0	0	0	0	-100.00%	0.0
40,330	26,543	15,035	2325-Substitutes	33-Salaries-Substitutes	30,000	30,000		(30,000)	-100.00%	
115,291	103,568	132,451	2330-EA's Paraprofessionals	31-Salaries-EA's	30,000	30,000		(30,000)	-100.00%	
115,291	103,568	132,451	2330-EA's Paraprofessionals Total		146,748	146,748	0	(146,748)	-100.00%	0.0
12,724	12,717	13,467	2340-Library	10-Salaries	13,720	13,720		(13,720)	-100.00%	
12,724	12,717	13,467	2340-Library Total	31-Salaries-EA's	13,720	13,720	0	(13,720)	-100.00%	0.0
0	0	0	2345-Distance Learning	10-Salaries	0	0		0	-100.00%	
125,835	151,752	158,069	2352-Instructional Coach	10-Salaries	162,697	162,697		(162,697)	-100.00%	
125,835	151,752	158,069	2352-Instructional Coach Total		162,697	162,697	0	(162,697)	-100.00%	0.0
0	0	0	2354-Instructional Coach Stipends	61-Stipends	0	0		0	-100.00%	
850	1,555	325	2354-Instructional Coach Stipends Total		0	0	0	0	-100.00%	0.0
850	1,555	325	2356-Professional Development	60-Other Expenses	600	600		(600)	-100.00%	
850	1,555	325	2356-Professional Development Total		600	600	0	(600)	-100.00%	0.0
0	0	0	2357-Professional Development	40-Contracted Services	0	0		0	-100.00%	
0	0	0	2357-Professional Development	60-Other Expenses	0	0		0	-100.00%	
0	0	0	2357-Professional Development Staff	40-Contracted Services	0	0		0	-100.00%	
0	0	0	2357-Professional Development Staff	60-Other Expenses	0	0		0	-100.00%	
0	0	0	2357-Professional Development Total		0	0	0	0	-100.00%	0.0
1,875	0	0	2358-Vendor Professional Development		1,000	1,000		(1,000)	-100.00%	
1,875	0	0	2358-Vendor Professional Development Total		1,000	1,000	0	(1,000)	-100.00%	0.0
13,993	10,637	11,666	2410-Textbooks/Media/Materials	50-Materials and Supplies	15,558	15,558		(15,558)	-100.00%	
13,993	10,637	11,666	2410-Textbooks/Media/Materials Total		15,558	15,558	0	(15,558)	-100.00%	0.0
1,047	357	246	2415-Other Instructional Materials-Lit	40-Contracted Services	0	0		0	-100.00%	
1,047	357	246	2415-Other Instructional Materials-Lit	50-Materials and Supplies	500	500		(500)	-100.00%	
10,636	0	0	2415-Other Instructional Materials-Lit	60-Other Expenses	250	250		(250)	-100.00%	
10,636	0	0	2415-Other Instructional Materials-Library Total		750	750	0	(750)	-100.00%	0.0
21,913	18,044	17,256	2420-Instructional Equipment	40-Contracted Services	500	500		(500)	-100.00%	
21,913	18,044	17,256	2420-Instructional Equipment Total		500	500	0	(500)	-100.00%	0.0
0	100	0	2430-General Supplies	50-Materials and Supplies	15,759	15,759		(15,759)	-100.00%	
0	100	0	2430-General Supplies Total		15,759	15,759	0	(15,759)	-100.00%	0.0
0	0	0	2440-Other Instructional Services	40-Contracted Services	0	0		0	-100.00%	
0	0	0	2440-Other Instructional Services Total		0	0	0	0	-100.00%	0.0
0	0	0	2451-Instructional Technology	50-Materials and Supplies	0	0		0	-100.00%	
0	0	0	2451-Instructional Technology		0	0	0	0	-100.00%	0.0
0	3,349	2,732	2454-Instructional Hardware	40-Contracted Services	3,000	3,000		0	-100.00%	
0	3,349	1,601	2454-Instructional Hardware	50-Materials and Supplies	3,202	3,202		0	-100.00%	
0	3,349	4,333	2454-Instructional Hardware Total		6,202	6,202	0	(6,202)	-100.00%	0.0
0	583	1,965	2455-Instructional Software	40-Contracted Services	1,000	1,000		(1,000)	-100.00%	
0	583	1,965	2455-Instructional Software Total		1,000	1,000	0	(1,000)	-100.00%	0.0
56,570	58,267	84,070	2710-Guidance/Counseling	10-Salaries	85,751	85,751		(85,751)	-100.00%	
56,570	58,267	84,070	2710-Guidance/Counseling Total		85,751	85,751	0	(85,751)	-100.00%	0.0
40,127	43,206	29,897	2800-Psychological Services	10-Salaries	36,456	36,456		(36,456)	-100.00%	
40,127	43,206	29,897	2800-Psychological Services Total	50-Materials and Supplies	0	0		0	-100.00%	0.0
86,689	86,149	91,148	3200-Medical/Health Services	10-Salaries	36,456	36,456	0	(36,456)	-100.00%	
1,866	2,028	1,447	3200-Medical/Health Services	31-Salaries-EA's	90,067	90,067		(90,067)	-100.00%	
88,555	88,177	92,595	3200-Medical/Health Services Total	40-Contracted Services	2,000	2,000		(2,000)	-100.00%	
1,500	0	0	3520-Student Activities	10-Salaries	92,087	92,087	0	(92,087)	-100.00%	0.0
1,500	0	0	3520-Student Activities		0	0		0	-100.00%	0.0
2,367,000	2,584,545	2,601,184	Total Davis Thayer		2,655,756	2,655,756	0	(2,655,756)	-100.00%	0.0