

Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School FY15 Budget Updates

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Core Values

- Fostering Cooperative and Caring Relationships
- Respect for Human Differences
- Development of a purposeful and rigorous academic program

Challenges

- Consecutive years of modest budget increases despite concomitant student enrollment increase
- Elimination of approximately 9 professional FTE positions since FY08, mitigated by 4.4 FTE moderate increase in FY14 to address gr 9 jump
- Uncertainty of state aid/projected revenues
- Steady decline in federal aid
- Out of District Tuition
- Low incidence highly complex student needs
- Need to update technology infrastructure
- Lack of comprehensive plan for capital asset replacement
- Volume of state driven initiatives
- Level 2 Status
- Conservative fiscal environment
- High expectations for performance

Consequences

- The following percent are in classes with 25 or more students
 - Science – 50%
 - Math – 39% , including 6% in 30 or more
 - English – 61%
 - History – 70%
 - FATA – 32 % , including 12% in 38 or more
 - Language – 44%, including 11% in 30 or more

Total enrollment = 1640

- Outdated equipment requiring more maintenance
- Disincentive to try new tools
- Projected OOD tuition is 8.93% of total projected operating budget
- Compromises use of technology to support teaching and learning
- Pervasive and prolonged impact of unfunded mandates
- Less time for educator-driven initiatives
- Longitudinal impact of class size on certain class cohorts
- Longitudinal impact of restricted options

Building the Budget

Develop a budget that meets both Lincoln and Sudbury guidelines

THAT WILL

- Support an educational program to foster student growth for post-graduate success
 - Review breadth and quality of program
 - Restore lost programs
 - Develop new opportunities
 - Address class size
 - Enhance capacity for targeted supports for all students
- Retain high quality faculty and staff
- Identify potential cost savings
 - Support strength of in-district opportunities
 - Operational efficiencies
- Assure health and safety

Base Budget Assumptions

- Restricted to 2.5% Municipal guidelines
- Salary and compensation adhere to guidelines set forth in negotiated contracts
- No change in staffing due to projected enrollment but possible addition for restoration of reduced staff and/or new programs or initiatives
- Level funding of federal or state funding
- No use of Excess and Deficiency (E &D) Fund
- 5% rate increase for health insurance
- 3% rate of increase for OOD tuitions
- Level funding of special education transportation
- 10% increase in regular education transportation
- Level funding of gas and electric utilities
- No adjustment to current fee structure
- Increase to legal fees
- Plan for Technology Infrastructure improvement
- Comprehensive plan for capital asset replacement

Major cost drivers

- Personnel
- Class size/enrollment
- Educational Program
 - Special Education
 - General Education
- Capital needs
 - One-time
 - Recurring

Preliminary FY15 in context of retiring debt service

	FY14 Approved	FY15 Preliminary	Difference	% Change
Total Operating Budget	26,641,687	27,412,267	770,581	2.9%
Debt Service	2,283,613	804,925	-1,478,688	-64.8%
Total LSRHS Budget	28,925,300	28,217,192	-708,107	-2.4%

Potential Cost Savings/Reductions

- Special Education Transportation
- Strengthening in-district options and supports
- Exploration of alternative energy sources and opportunities to reduce energy consumption
- Exploration of alternate revenue sources
- Review expenses for possible adjustment

Supporting the Educational Program

- Review breadth and quality of program
 - Restore lost programs
 - Develop new opportunities
- Address class size
- Enhance capacity to provide targeted supports for all students
 - To narrow performance gaps
 - Support students in-district
 - Decrease emphasis on external specialized services
 - Support a range of diverse learners

Next Steps Included

- Review program needs with curriculum leaders and administration
- Program Review of Student Services
- Further analysis of anticipated student enrollment
 - incoming students
 - current students
- Continue to fine tune expense forecasts

Updated FY15 in context of retiring debt service

	FY14 Approved	FY15 Preliminary	Difference	% Change
Total Operating Budget	26,641,687	27,307,767	666,081	2.5%
Debt Service	2,283,613	804,925	-1,478,688	-64.8%
Total LSRHS Budget	28,925,300	28,112,692	-812,607	-2.8%

FY15 Program Adjustments

- ELL .3 FTE
- English .25 FTE
- History/SS .25 FTE
- Computer .16 FTE
- Wellness .16 FTE
- Applied Earth Sci .25 FTE
- Math .25 FTE
- Science .25 FTE
- FATA .16 FTE
- Instructional Technology Support .25 FTE
- Campus Aide 1.0 FTE
- Coaches/Activity Advisor Stipends 18,000
- Capital Asset Replacement 150,000

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