

Berlin-Boylston Regional School District FY23 Budget: Open Hearing

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Budget Goals

- Maintain existing programs and services
- Support the District Improvement Plan and implement priority initiatives
- Provide additional supports for students, to address the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on learning, and social emotional wellness
- Seek to leverage various funding sources, such as grants, to cushion impact to the budget and to town assessments

Budget Process Overview

LEVEL SERVICE BUDGETS

- Continue existing programs
- Provide mandated special education services



INVESTMENTS

- Requests for additional resources to meet critical needs, and to fund items in the District Improvement Plan



PRELIMINARY FY23 BUDGET (DECEMBER 2021)

Present to School Committee, and share with Town officials



Feedback loop

- Town officials
- SCOM



Review & Revise



New information

- State Aid (Ch. 70)E
- Expense/service changes

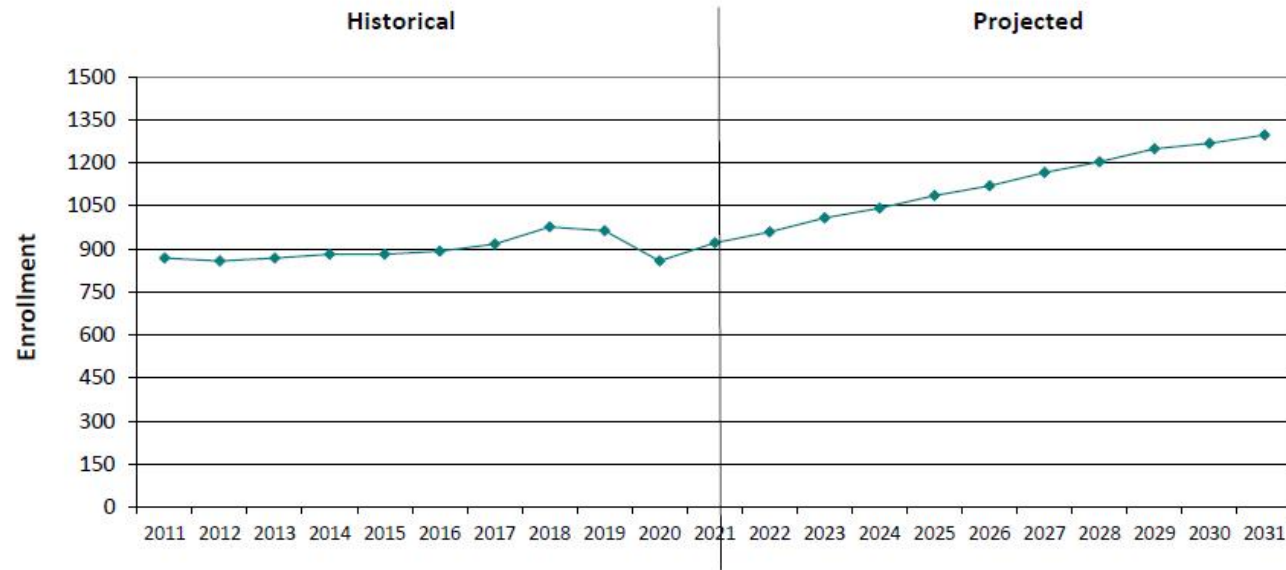


REVISED FY23 BUDGET (FEBRUARY 2022)

NESDEC Enrollment Projections – District wide

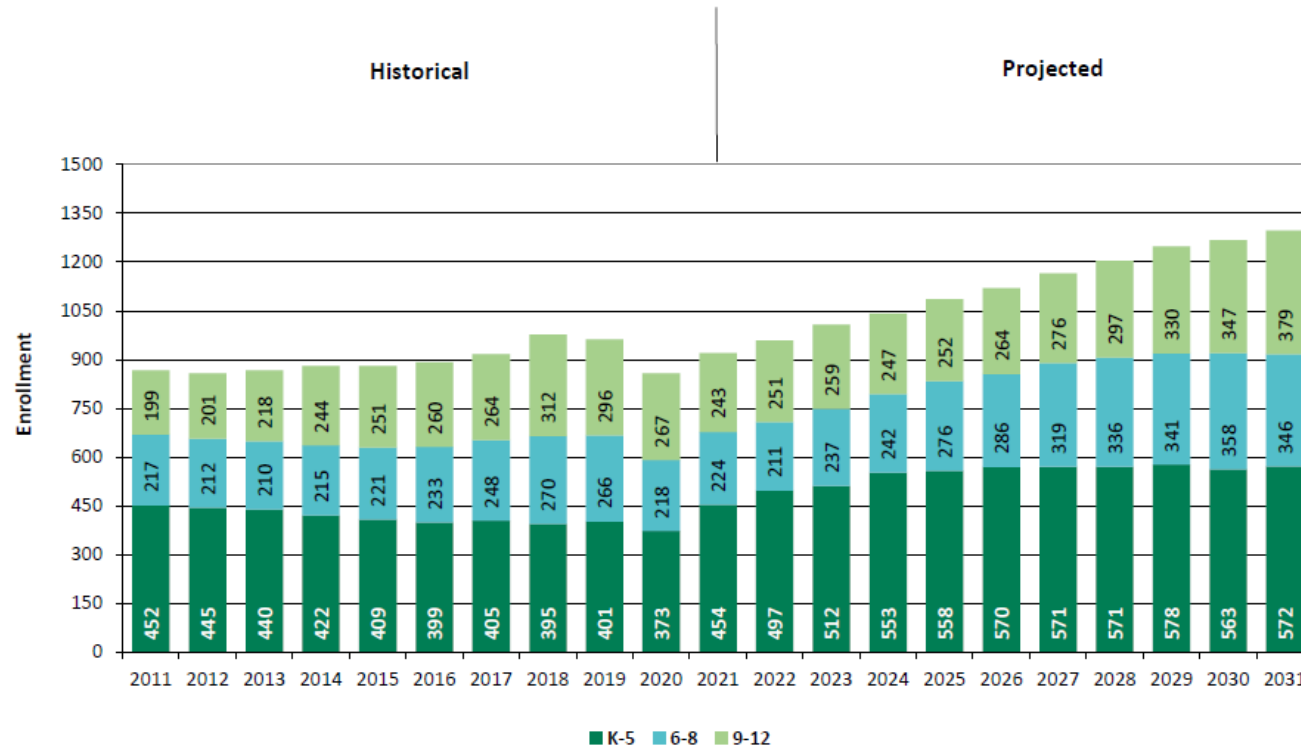


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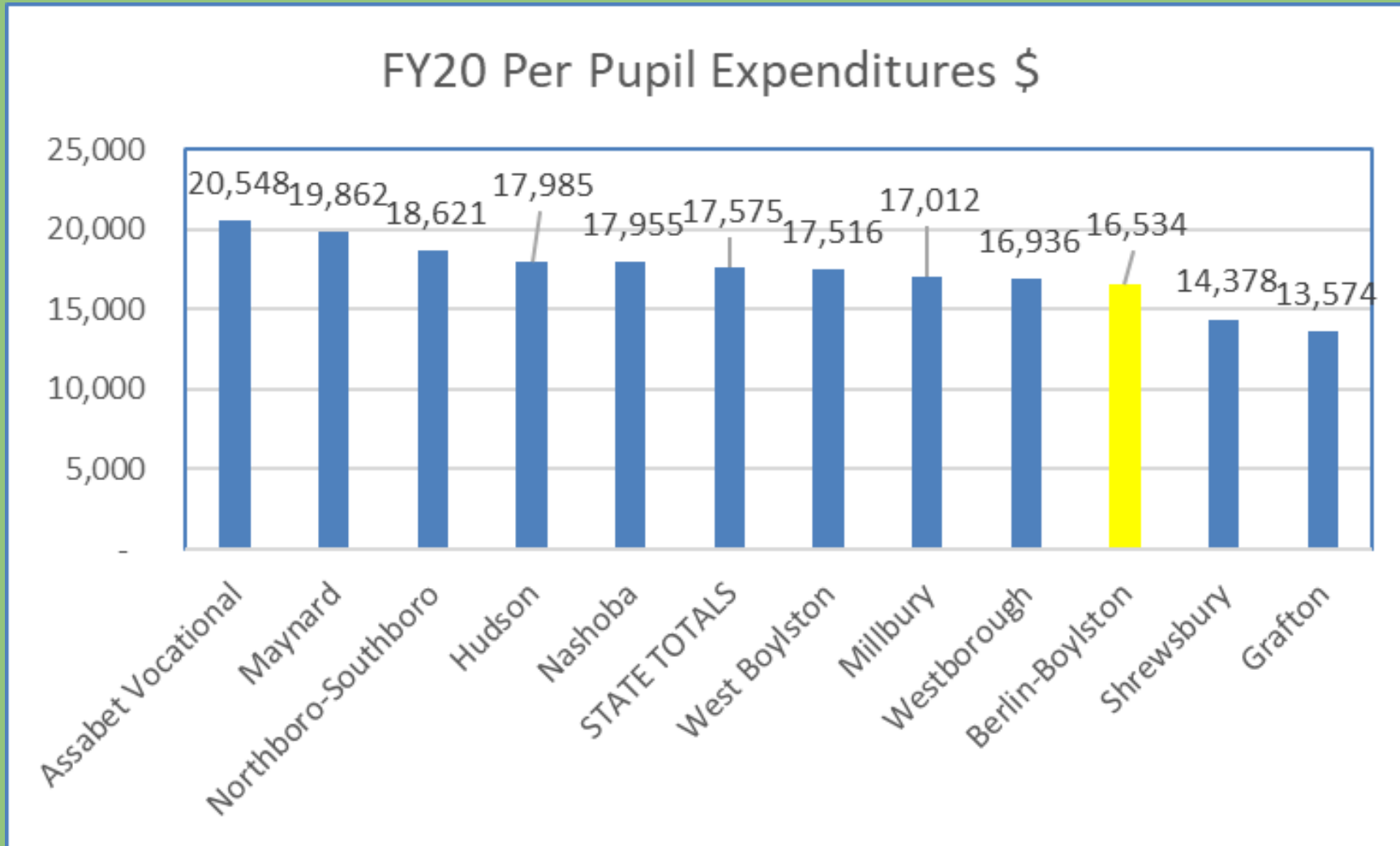


NESDEC Enrollment Projections by Grade levels

NESDEC
Historical & Projected Enrollments in Grade Combinations



Spending Comparisons to nearby districts



Source:
FY20 DESE Per Pupil
Expenditure Reports

Summary of Changes from Preliminary to Open Hearing FY23 Budget

	Berlin Memorial	Boylston Elementary	Tahanto MS-HS	Total
FY22 Approved Budget	\$ 3,958,496	\$ 4,325,652	\$ 9,646,221	\$ 17,930,369
FY23 Budget - Level Service (Preliminary)	\$ 4,209,953	\$ 4,755,727	\$ 10,265,192	\$ 19,230,872
% increase - Level Service	6.4%	9.9%	6.4%	7.3%
Adjustments to Prelim Budget				
Transportation Revolving Revenue - Offset Exp's			\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)
Prepayment of Special Ed. transportation costs	\$ (30,000)	\$ (5,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (55,000)
IDEA Grant Funding for Additional OOD Tuition			\$ (98,000)	\$ (98,000)
IDEA Grant Funding for Paraprofessional		\$ (25,000)		\$ (25,000)
Music Therapy Services - carryover FY22 grant funds		\$ (9,000)		\$ (9,000)
Increase usage of school choice funds	\$ (20,000)			\$ (20,000)
WRRS Pension adjustments (estimates --> actuals)	\$ 1,726	\$ 2,798	\$ 5,476	\$ 10,000
Adjustments to OOD Tuitions - SPED/Charter/Choice	\$ 3,863	\$ 18,438	\$ (77,298)	\$ (54,997)
Subtotal - Adjustments	\$ (44,411)	\$ (17,764)	\$ (239,822)	\$ (301,997)
FY23 Budget - Level Service (OPEN HEARING)	\$ 4,165,542	\$ 4,737,963	\$ 10,025,370	\$ 18,928,875
% Increase vs. FY22	5.2%	9.5%	3.9%	5.6%

Above Level Service Requests - status

Funded by grants

Funded in Budget

Above Level Service Requests	BES	BMS	TAH	District Wide
Classroom Teacher	✓			
Kindergarten aides (2 @ 0.45 FTE ea)	✓			
Increase Speech-Lang. Path. From 0.8 to 1.0 FTE	✓			
Floating Nurse (\$70K + benefits)				✓
Add 1.0 FTE Special Ed. Teacher	✓			
Curriculum Assistant (consolidate 2 PT roles)				✓
Elementary grade Literacy/ELA Coach	✓	✓		
Class Link - Single Sign on Software				✓
BES Pre-school Teacher and staffing	✓			
Reduce usage of school choice	✓		✓	
Musical Instrument purchase/repairs				✓
Tahanto counseling dept. - 1.0 FTE			✓	
Tahanto STEM Teacher			✓	

FY23 Operating Budget Summary

	Berlin Memorial	Boylston Elementary	Tahanto MS-HS	Total
Open Hearing - FY23 Level Service Budget	\$ 4,165,542	\$ 4,737,963	\$ 10,025,370	\$ 18,928,875
Recommended Above Level Service Requests	\$ 59,585	\$ 59,585	\$ 102,188	\$ 221,358
Open Hearing - FY23 Proposed Operating Budget	\$ 4,225,127	\$ 4,797,548	\$ 10,127,558	\$ 19,150,233
FY22 Budget	\$ 3,958,496	\$ 4,325,652	\$ 9,646,221	\$ 17,930,369
FY23 Increase (\$)	\$ 266,631	\$ 471,896	\$ 481,337	\$ 1,219,864
FY23 Increase (%)	6.7%	10.9%	5.0%	6.8%

Berlin Memorial Budget Summary

FY23 Budget: \$4,225,127, Increase of \$266,631 or 6.7% vs. FY22

Key Budget Drivers

- \$163K Out of District Tuitions + Transportation
- \$ 71K Teacher's Union Contractual Increases
- (\$20K) for Math Coach sharing with BES (- 0.5 FTE in BMS)
- \$ 59K for above level service items
 - 53K ELA coach, \$6K Curriculum Assistant converted from PT to FT

Boylston Elementary Budget Summary

FY23 Budget: \$4,797,548, Increase of \$471,896 or 10.9% vs. FY22

Key Budget Drivers

- \$201K Out of District Tuitions + SPED Trans./Paras/Contr Svcs
- \$ 76K Teacher's Union Contractual Increases
- \$ 79K Employee health care plan benefits costs
- \$ 48K for Math Coach sharing with BMS (+ 0.5 FTE in BMS)
- \$ 59K for above level service items
 - \$53K ELA coach, \$6K Curriculum Assistant converted from PT to FT

Tahanto MS-HS Budget Summary

FY23 Budget: \$10,127,558, Increase of \$481,337 or 5.0% vs. FY22

Key Budget Drivers

- \$215K Out of District Tuitions + SPED Transportation + Paras
- \$ 89K Teacher's Union Contractual Increases
- \$ 88K for Employee Health Care Plan benefits
- \$102K for above level service item (School Counselor)
- (\$66K) reduction in OPEB contribution
- (\$50K) savings from utilization of transportation revolving funds

FY23 Capital Requests – Berlin Memorial

- \$54,000 - Placeholder for Level 2 & 3 Priorities from Facilities Assessment Report
 - \$12,000 - Entry access / security
- \$66,000 Subtotal

FY23 Capital Requests – Boylston Elementary

- \$12,000 – Scrubber for hall cleaning
- \$18,000 – Library roof repairs
- \$15,000 – Asphalt repairs/improvements
- \$45,000 Subtotal

Tahanto Capital Items

- \$990,000 – Bond Principal Payments
- \$551,900 – Bond Interest Payments
- \$15,000 – HVAC RTU Motor Replacements
- \$17,000 – Entry Access/Security Improvements
- **\$1,573,900 – SUBTOTAL, TAHANTO CAPITAL**

STATE AID AND REVENUES

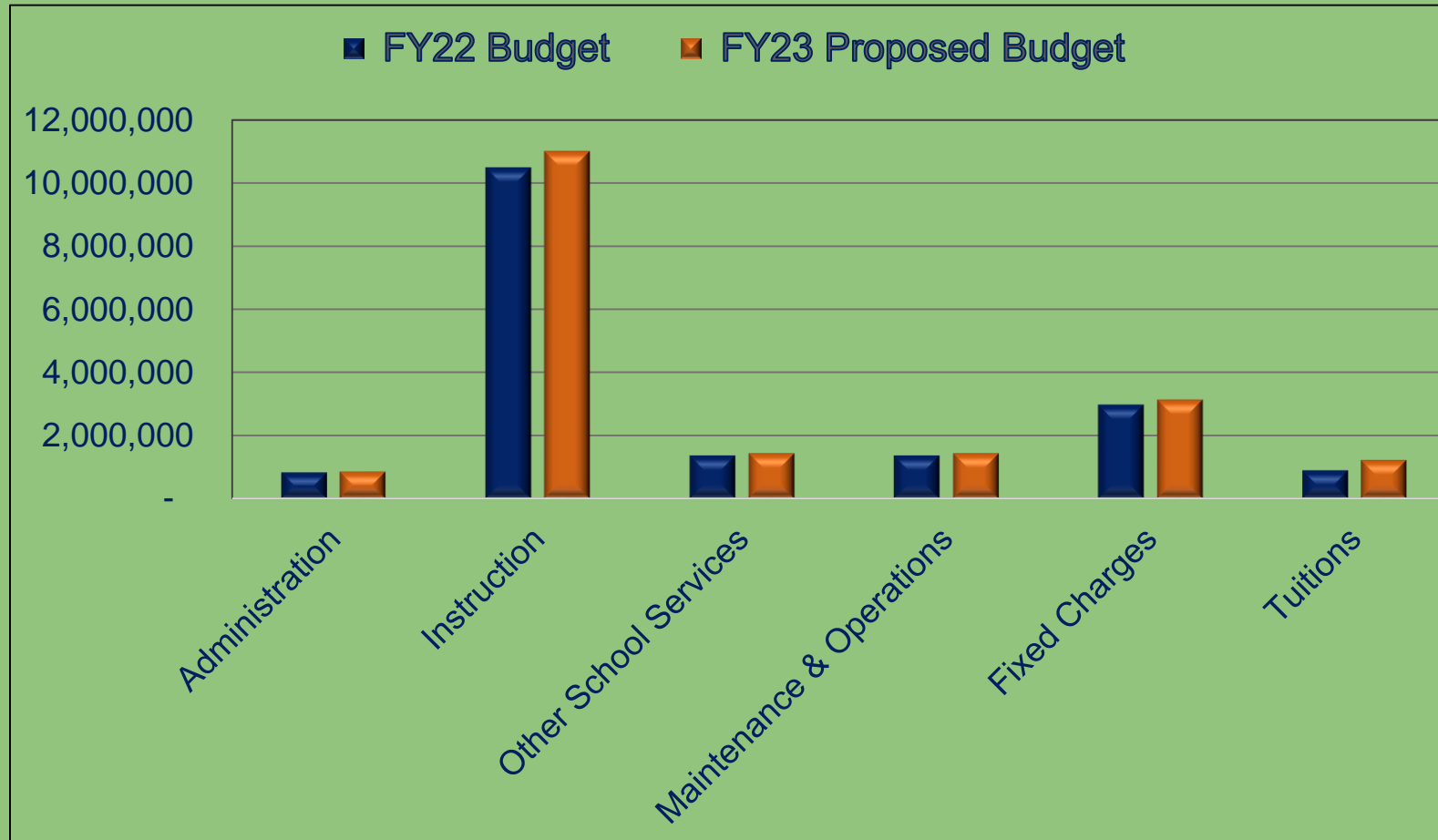
- After many years of flat or minimal increases, FY23 will see a significant increase in Chapter 70 revenues
- This is driven mainly by changes to the Foundation Budget formula, as outlined in the Student Opportunity Act (SOA)
- FY23 Chapter 70 Aid increased by \$269,673, 12% over FY22
- Charter tuition reimbursement is also projected to increase significantly (~\$79K), however, that is non-recurring, and will decrease in future years
- Decreased Circuit-breaker funding due to lower FY21 claims

STATE AID AND REVENUES

STATE AID REVENUE	FY23	FY22	VAR (\$)
Chapter 70 Aid	\$ 2,438,707	\$ 2,169,034	\$ 269,673
Chapter 71 Transportation Aid	\$ 247,139	\$ 239,941	\$ 7,198
Charter Reimbursement	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000
Total State Aid Revenue	\$ 2,700,846	\$ 2,418,975	\$ 281,871
DISTRICT REVENUE	FY23	FY22	VAR (\$)
Excess & Deficiency for Operating	\$ 150,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 90,000
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ -
Investment Income	\$ 9,000	\$ 12,000	\$ (3,000)
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Total District Revenue	\$ 188,000	\$ 101,000	\$ 87,000

DISTRICT WIDE SUMMARY

District-Wide Budget Comparison to FY22 by DESE Function



DESE Categories

■ **ADMIN** = SCHOOL COMMITTEE, SUPERINTENDENT, BUSINESS OFFICE, ADMIN TECHNOLOGY, LEGAL SERVICES

■ **INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES** = CURRICULUM DIR & MATERIALS, SPED/PPS, CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION, TEACHERS, PARAS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, ETC, GUIDANCE, & PSYCHOLOGICAL SVCS

■ **OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES** = NURSING, FOOD SERVICE, TRANSPORTATION, STUDENT ACTIVITIES, & ATHLETICS

■ **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE** = CUSTODIAL SERVICES, UTILITIES, MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS / GROUNDS / EQUIPMENT

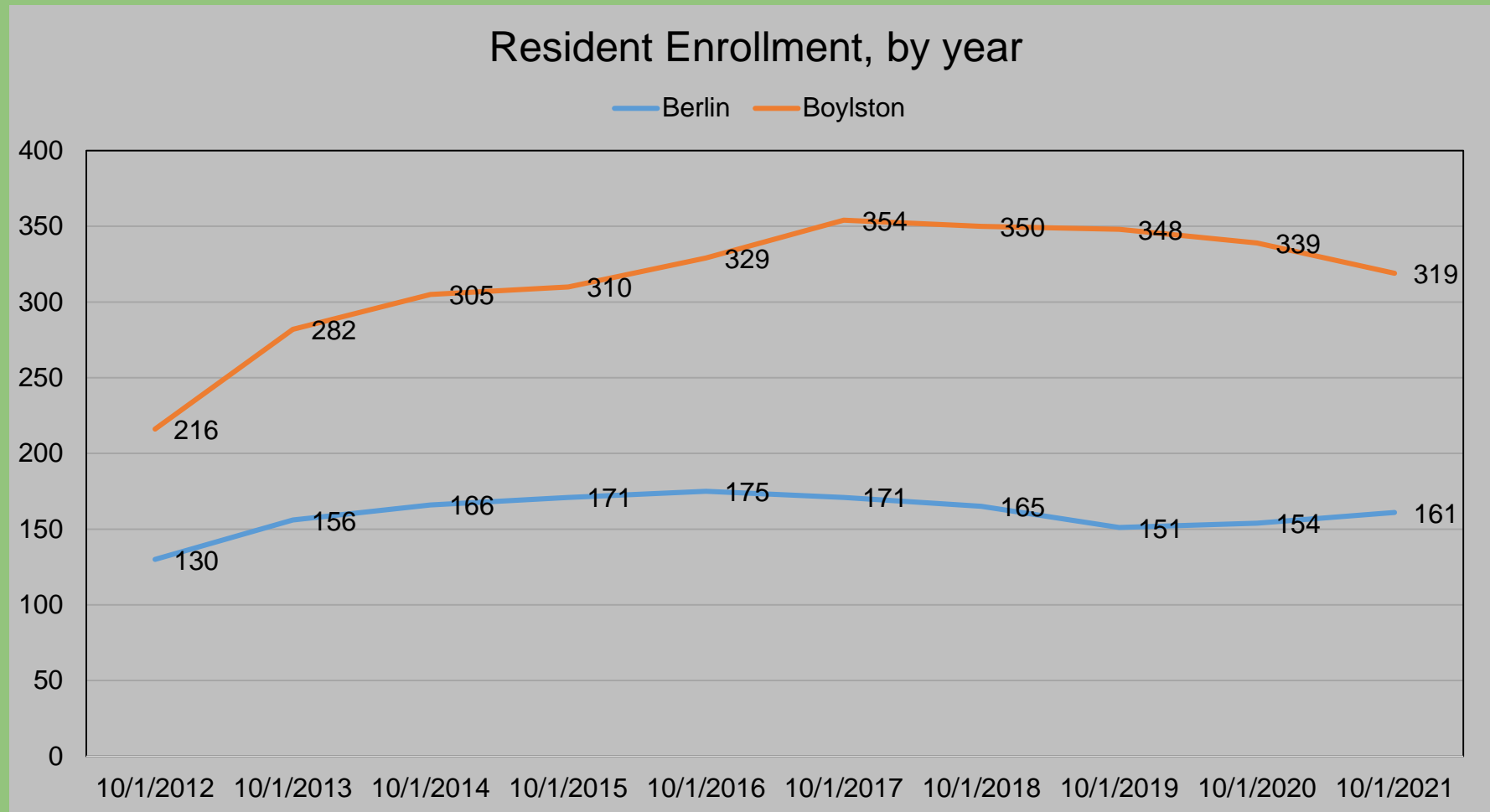
■ **FIXED CHARGES** = LEASES, INSURANCE COSTS, RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT

■ **TUITIONS** = SPED OOD PLACEMENTS, SCHOOL CHOICE, CHARTER

Other Funding Sources other than general fund budget

Key Revolving Fund Projections as of Feb. 2022				
	Berlin School Choice	Boylston School Choice	Tahanto School Choice	Circuit Breaker
FY21 Beginning	\$482,654	\$265,386	\$888,406	\$474,129
ACTUAL Revenue	\$103,834	\$73,160	\$387,154	\$417,780
ACTUAL Expense	\$0	\$35,000	\$340,100	\$474,132
FY21 Proj'd Ending Balance	\$586,488	\$303,546	\$935,460	\$417,777
FY22 Beginning	\$586,488	\$303,546	\$935,460	\$417,777
Anticipated Revenue	\$93,834	\$43,226	\$361,756	\$207,146
Anticipated Expense	\$60,000	\$146,300	\$450,000	\$425,540
FY22 Proj'd Ending Balance	\$620,322	\$200,472	\$847,216	\$199,383
FY23 Beginning	\$620,322	\$200,472	\$847,216	\$199,383
Anticipated Revenue	\$83,834	\$30,000	\$370,000	\$240,000
Anticipated Expense	\$100,000	\$153,000	\$570,000	\$307,139
FY23 Proj'd Ending Balance	\$604,156	\$77,472	\$647,216	\$132,244

Tahanto Enrollment Trend by Town



TOWN ASSESSMENTS - Berlin

Town of Berlin	FY22	FY23	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Berlin Memorial	3,443,613	3,640,948	197,335	5.7%
Tahanto MS-HS	2,792,811	2,942,997	150,186	5.4%
Berlin Mem'l Capital	68,000	68,000	-	0.0%
Tahanto Capital	504,146	518,341	14,195	2.8%
Total	6,808,570	7,170,286	361,716	5.3%
Target Increase	2.5%	3.5%	4.5%	
Target Increase \$	170,214	238,300	306,386	
Remainder to cut	191,502	123,416	55,330	

TOWN ASSESSMENTS - Boylston

Town of Boylston	FY22	FY23	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Boylston Elementary	3,618,603	3,988,618	370,016	10.2%
Tahanto MS-HS	5,555,367	5,688,824	133,457	2.4%
Boylston Elem. Capital	65,000	45,000	(20,000)	-30.8%
Tahanto Capital	1,040,371	1,055,559	15,188	1.5%
Total	10,279,340	10,778,000	498,660	4.9%
Target Increase	2.5%	3.5%	4.5%	
Target Increase \$	256,984	359,777	462,570	
Remainder to cut	241,677	138,883	36,090	

Town of Boylston

FY23 Tuition and transportation estimates for Regional Vocational students

OPEN HEARING				
Town of Boylston Budget for Vocational Ed.				
Budget Line	FY22	FY23	Inc. \$	Inc. %
Vocational Tuition	598,708	440,977	(157,731)	-26.3%
Vocational Transportation	105,218	126,048	20,830	19.8%
Subtotal	703,926	567,025	(136,901)	-19.4%
<i>Estimated tuition increase of 3% for FY23</i>				

- Assumes 3 new AV enrollments for 2022-23 school year (10 applicants)
- FY23 AV tuition rate estimated at \$17,582 per student

Questions ?

Supporting information and
reference data

Allocation Methodologies

- Methodologies are stipulated in regional agreement
- Elementary school budgets assessed to host communities
- Tahanto Operating budget allocated based on 5 year average of relative foundation enrollment of each town
FY23: Berlin 34.15% Boylston 65.85%
- Tahanto Capital Budget allocated based on 4 year average of combination of foundation enrollment, and actual resident enrollment at Tahanto
FY23: Berlin 32.93% Boylston 67.07%

REVENUES /ASSESSMENTS – Boylston Elementary

STATE AID REVENUE	FY22	FY23	Var (\$)
Chapter 70 Aid	632,132	732,005	99,873
Chapter 71 Transportation Aid	66,917	68,925	2,008
Charter Reimbursement	0	0	0
Total State Aid Revenue	699,049	800,930	101,880
DISTRICT REVENUE	FY22	FY23	Var (\$)
Excess & Deficiency for Operating	0	0	0
Medicaid Reimbursement	8,000	8,000	0
Investment Income	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
Total District Revenue	8,000	8,000	0
LOCAL REVENUE	FY22	FY23	Var (\$)
BOYLSTON			
<i>Minimum Local Contribution</i>	2,426,786	2,644,659	217,873
<i>Above Minimum Local Contribution</i>	1,074,776	1,202,643	127,867
<i>Transportation Assessment</i>	117,041	141,316	24,275
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	3,618,603	3,988,618	370,016
TOTAL FUND SOURCES	4,325,652	4,797,548	471,896

Operating
Assessment

REVENUES /ASSESSMENTS – Berlin Memorial

STATE AID REVENUE	FY22	FY23	Var (\$)
Chapter 70 Aid	470,893	538,989	68,096
Chapter 71 Transportation Aid	39,990	41,190	1,200
Charter Reimbursement	0	0	0
Total State Aid Revenue	510,883	580,179	69,296
DISTRICT REVENUE	FY22	FY23	Var (\$)
Excess & Deficiency for Operating	0	0	0
Medicaid Reimbursement	4,000	4,000	0
Investment Income	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
Total District Revenue	4,000	4,000	0
LOCAL REVENUE	FY22	FY23	Var (\$)
BERLIN			
<i>Minimum Local Contribution</i>	1,470,102	1,590,330	120,228
<i>Above Minimum Local Contribution</i>	1,871,018	1,916,964	45,946
<i>Transportation Assessment</i>	102,493	133,654	31,161
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	3,443,613	3,640,948	197,335
TOTAL FUND SOURCES	3,958,496	4,225,127	266,631

Operating
Assessment

REVENUES / ASSESSMENTS – Tahanto MS-HS

	TAHANTO		
STATE AID	FY22	FY23	Var (\$)
Chapter 70 Aid	1,066,009	1,167,713	101,704
Chapter 71 Transportation Aid	133,034	137,025	3,991
Charter Reimbursement	10,000	15,000	5,000
Total State Aid Revenue	1,209,043	1,319,738	110,695
DISTRICT REVENUE	FY22	FY23	Var (\$)
Excess & Deficiency for Operating	60,000	150,000	90,000
Medicaid Reimbursement	16,000	16,000	0
Investment Income	12,000	9,000	-3,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	0
Total District Revenue	89,000	176,000	87,000

State Aid and Revenues

REVENUES / ASSESSMENTS – Tahanto MS-HS

LOCAL REVENUE			
Minimum Local Contribution	FY22	FY23	Var (\$)
Berlin	1,548,391	1,556,494	8,103
Boylston	3,112,616	3,194,826	82,210
Total Minimum Contribution	4,661,007	4,751,320	90,313
Above Minimum Local Contribution	FY22	FY23	Var (\$)
Berlin	1,085,514	1,223,826	138,311
Boylston	2,130,825	2,201,380	70,555
Total Above Minimum Contribution	3,216,339	3,425,205	208,866
Transportation Assessment	FY22	FY23	Y/Y (\$)
Berlin	158,906	162,677	3,771
Boylston	311,926	292,618	-19,308
Total Transportation Assessment	470,832	455,295	-15,537
TOTAL OPERATING ASSESMENT	FY22	FY23	Y/Y (\$)
Berlin	2,792,811	2,942,997	150,186
Boylston	5,555,367	5,688,824	133,457
Total Local Revenue	8,348,178	8,631,820	283,642

Operating
Assessment
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