



Berlin-Boylston Regional School District FY27 Budget Request

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Budget Request	Rationale	Estimated Cost
Increase the district float nurse position from 2 days per week to 5 days per week. Float Nurse increase from .4 to 1.0	Background: Each of our schools has a full-time school nurse. We have a float nurse in the district 2 days per week. The float nurse is critical for day-to-day health office operations as they support all student health needs, mandatory screenings, field trips and provide coverage when a school nurse is absent. The float nurse position also supports the ratio of students to nurses at Tahanto, which is below the 1998 recommendation for buildings with more than 500 students (an additional 0.1 FTE is recommended for each additional 50 students.) Need: Nursing staff support all students including those with special health care needs such as diabetes, hemophilia, life-threatening allergies, cardiac disorders, bleeding disorders, and g-tubes that require a school nurse in order to attend school and field trips safely. Although we have a pool of wonderful sub nurses, they are not available every day and often not on short notice. In 2025-2026 to date, we have had 7 days without a nurse in each building all day, as needed for student safety. Increasing the float nurse to full-time is necessary to ensure continuous, safe, and compliant nursing coverage across the district.	

