

RTM F&B QUESTIONS

RC	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If STEM Course is not approved will it change the budget?	The new courses proposed in the area of STEM can be accommodated within the operating budgets of their respective department. One course requires free software and curriculum writing will be allocated to another area of need if the course is not approved.
1	In Accounts 25014 and 72041 historical spending is lower than budget, can this be reduced?	25014 includes costs for Business Cards, Letterhead, Transcript Requests, Welcome Cards, Turkey Bowl Tickets, Lawn Signs, Graduation Programs. The amount fluctuates based on need, number of students, and turnover. 72041 is for Microscope Repairs. The amount fluctuates based on the need for repairs.
2	The transfer in 21301 is that representative of who is teaching now and who is anticipated to teach next year?	Yes, this transfer represented teachers currently at Fitch as there was a change in staffing.
11	Swim and Dive are listed as separate sports, why?	They practice and compete separately from one another so they are separated in the budget.
12	Why is the building conditions study budgeted at \$200,000 when the KG&D study cost approximately \$138,000 five years ago?	We have received one quote for this work, which was \$231,425, however it included much of the work done by NE Collaborative, which is why we budgeted \$200,000. We are soliciting additional quotes.
25	Are the retirement/OPEB figures what the town received or will these be changed?	Yes, the Milliman Actuary report was provided by Jenn Chameski, Town of Darien Finance Director in November.
13	Why are clubs and councils so high in RC13? What is in this account?	The most recent DEA contract agreed to reclassify many music stipends, which is the result of the increase seen starting in FY21 carrying forward to FY 22. The stipends are as follows: Music Concerts Elementary: \$48,748 All Town Music: \$9,847
14	Would we potentially see a decrease overtime in supplies due to the new software proposed?	While the supplies teachers request may change as a result of new professional learning, there is no anticipated reduction in supplies cost needed over time.
15	Can the broadcast studio computers be funded through a grant?	As Video Production, Media Studies and other related courses are part of the curriculum at Darien High School, it would not be appropriate to pursue a

		grant for necessary classroom equipment. Just as we fund science labs, kilns, projectors and other necessary materials employed in teaching and learning, we are asking to replace lab devices which have reached their end of life. The same would be true if the computers in the music technology lab needed to be replaced.
15	Can a 5th year be added to the replacement cycle page?	Yes. See Attached 5 Year Replacement Cycle
24	What are the metrics to judge success of the new APs?	Evaluation and supervision of assistant principals will assess their professional responsibilities. These responsibilities include and are not limited to: maintenance of regulatory compliance, implementation of services, support for improvement of student outcomes, strengthening the engagement of students and families as partners, Chairperson for PPT meetings, evaluation and supervision of general and special education staff and related service providers.
24	Can we see a job description of the new APs?	Assistant Principal Job Descriptions
24	What is the reporting relationship of the psychologists and the new APs?	Everyone reports to the building principal.
24	Why is the teacher aide's salary line up if we are cutting two positions?	The collective bargaining agreement for the paraprofessionals was not processed and agreed to until after the printing of the budget book, thus the salaries for FY21 are not reflected in the revised budget and instead are reflected in RC18-Contract Support. In January those raises are allocated to the respective line items out of contract support. Thus the teacher aide line item for the purpose of this budget book represents 2% for FY21, 2% for FY22, with the corresponding offset for FY21 in RC18-Contract Support.
19	What is the status of the 9th Grade IDEA program?	The ninth grade enrollment is strong and there are no plans for program elimination. In FY 20 there were 4 students enrolled. In FY21 there are 21 students enrolled. Students are selecting their courses in the coming week for FY22.