

RTM ED QUESTIONS

<u>RC</u>	<u>QUESTION</u>	<u>ANSWER</u>
1	What is the \$10,000 remaining in Other Student Activities after the China Exchange trip is reduced?	<p>Included in this account are:</p> <p>Poetry Contest: 1,000 Freshman Class Orientation: \$5,000 Math Team Buses: 2,000 School Enrichment: 2,000</p>
2	Have we considered a MMS Fitch?	We are currently assessing and reviewing the cohort of students at MMS that require a supportive program similar to Fitch Academy.
5,7,8,9,10	Are there transportation costs for Open Choice, other budget implications?	There are no transportation costs for Open Choice. Those are paid for by CES. We would have to increase our elementary allocation of resources by the amount of students accepted. This would be \$2,569.50 if we accepted 18 Kindergarten students. The State pays each district \$3,000 per student, which would more than offset that cost.
11	What are MMS Intramurals, Elementary Intramurals and DHS Intramurals?	<p>MMS Intramurals include:</p> <p>Basketball/March Madness Volleyball Floor Hockey Matball Weight Room Soccer Flag Football Frisbee Ping Pong Running Club</p> <p>Elementary Intramurals include:</p> <p>Flag Football Kickball Soccer Basketball Volleyball</p>

		DHS Intramurals include: Open Gym for basketball and volleyball
11	What are consultant services for?	This is for the outside trainer for CPR for all coaches and presenter for coaching modules required by the SDE for coaches.
11	What is PD for in RC11?	This is for American Red Cross Adult/Child and Infant CPR Training as well as opportunities for coaches to earn CEU's for coaching permits.
11	Can we have a breakdown of cost and revenue for YMCA?	<p>Currently the district does not charge for the use of its facilities to the YMCA in exchange for not paying for the use of facilities at the YMCA by DHS Athletics. We do budget the cost of custodial overtime, which for FY22 is \$34,170. Based on the 18/19 School Year (the last non COVID impacted school year) this would be the breakdown based on current rental rates:</p> <p>Revenue: School Rental Fees: \$299,139 Custodial Fees: \$34,170 Total Cost: \$333,309</p> <p>Cost: Boys Swimming: \$67,860 Girls Swimming: \$67,860 Gymnastics: \$19,000 Overtime: \$34,170 Total Expenses: \$188,890</p> <p>Net Revenue:\$144,419</p>
11	Does New Canaan YMCA charge us for use of their facilities?	Yes, they charge \$5,500 for Diving.
Capital	Can we have a schedule of the last three years capital spending vs. budget?	See attached schedule Capital 3 Year Spend
25	Is the constellation contract up soon?	This expires in December 2022.
13	Can we have a list of clubs and councils in this account?	The most recent DEA contract agreed to reclassified many music stipends, which is the result of the increase. The stipends are as follows:

		Music Concerts Elementary: \$48,748 All Town Music: \$9,847
14	Is there any staff that should be associated in RC14 for systemwide?	There are no staff in RC14. All art teachers are allocated to the school RC's.
21	Regarding district library expenditures of \$152,000 vs the average of our peers at \$80,000, is this correct?	The DRG A average excludes Online Subscriptions and Equipment. Based on RC21 total proposed budget of \$152,335 removing these two categories would bring it down to \$112,145. While above the average would be in line with Westport and Ridgefield.
15	How does the town's Blum Shapiro report impact RC15?	The Blum Shapiro report reviewed the Town's Technology needs. Some of the outcomes are included in the agreement for shared services between the Town and the BOE. There are no impacts on the BOE side from that study.
26	Will the new SESS AP's impact ELP?	Laura Straiton, Early Learning Program Director, will continue to chair all PPT meetings and lead curriculum and instruction in ELP.
26	How is PD used for ELP?	PD supports current best practices in assessment, instruction, and development of exemplary educational programs.
24	Can we have more detail on the increase in consultant services?	Increases are related to school closure and anticipated expenditures related to recovery of skills and the provision of special education services. Additional increases are contractual and/or PPT recommendations for 2021-2022.
24	Are we anticipating an increase in counseling services in special education as we re-enter school?	We anticipate a greater need of support for all students in response to school closure. We currently have a robust clinical and counseling staff in the elementary and secondary schools to support our students. We do anticipate the need for on-going professional development and training for our clinicians and school counselors to support students returning to school in the wake of the pandemic.
24	How will the new AP's be different in schools with DLC and ELP?	Assistant principals will have the same role and responsibilities in all buildings.
24	What is the capacity being created by the new AP role?	The additional assistant principal will increase opportunities for all building administrators for mentorship, instructional leadership, professional development, and time in the general and special education classrooms to support teaching and learning.
19	Why are program coordinators in this budget but department chairs are not?	Program Coordinators report directly to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and work in Central Services, which is why they are in RC19. The Department Chairs are in RC1 and RC 3 .
19	Is there a plan for more education about diversity?	Yes, through the establishment of a District Equity & Diversity Team, continued professional development, and approaching curriculum writing and revision with an equity lens, there is ongoing commitment to diversity education in Darien.

19	Will we need to execute more testing as a result of COVID?	At this time there are not additional expenditures anticipated for assessments as a result of COVID.
18	Does CES have Teacher in Residence, can we use them rather than CREC?	CES does not have this program, even if they did the current CES membership would not cover this fee.