



South Portland Schools
**School Board-Approved
FY23 Budget**

April 5, 2022

FY23 Board-Approved Budget: Key Points

- Reflective of both our values and our challenging realities
- Proposed tax increase is
 - very similar to FY 19, FY 20, and FY21
 - is consistent with area districts – despite our rapid increase in enrollment – and below that proposed in six neighboring districts



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SPSD Mission

*Enriching lives through quality learning **for all***

All South Portland learners exhibit a wonder and excitement for learning. They are inspired to explore their interests and build the knowledge and skills that will give them a successful path to their future.



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By the Numbers

Context for the FY23 budget

Our enrollment has increased

7.2%

(or 207 students) *just since October 1* of this school year. Our enrollment is currently the highest that it has been since 2015.



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Enrollment

On October 1, 2021: **2,887**

As of ~~yesterday~~ today: ~~3,094~~ **3099**

Our state subsidy for FY23 is based on a two-year average of 2,899 (October 1 enrollment in 2020 and 2021).



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- Expect to enroll **10** students this week, all of whom are multilingual learners.
- We may have **as many as 50 new students** who will need to be enrolled in the coming weeks according to Portland General Assistance.



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South Portland has

1.6%

of the Maine's public school student population,
but we educate

15-20%

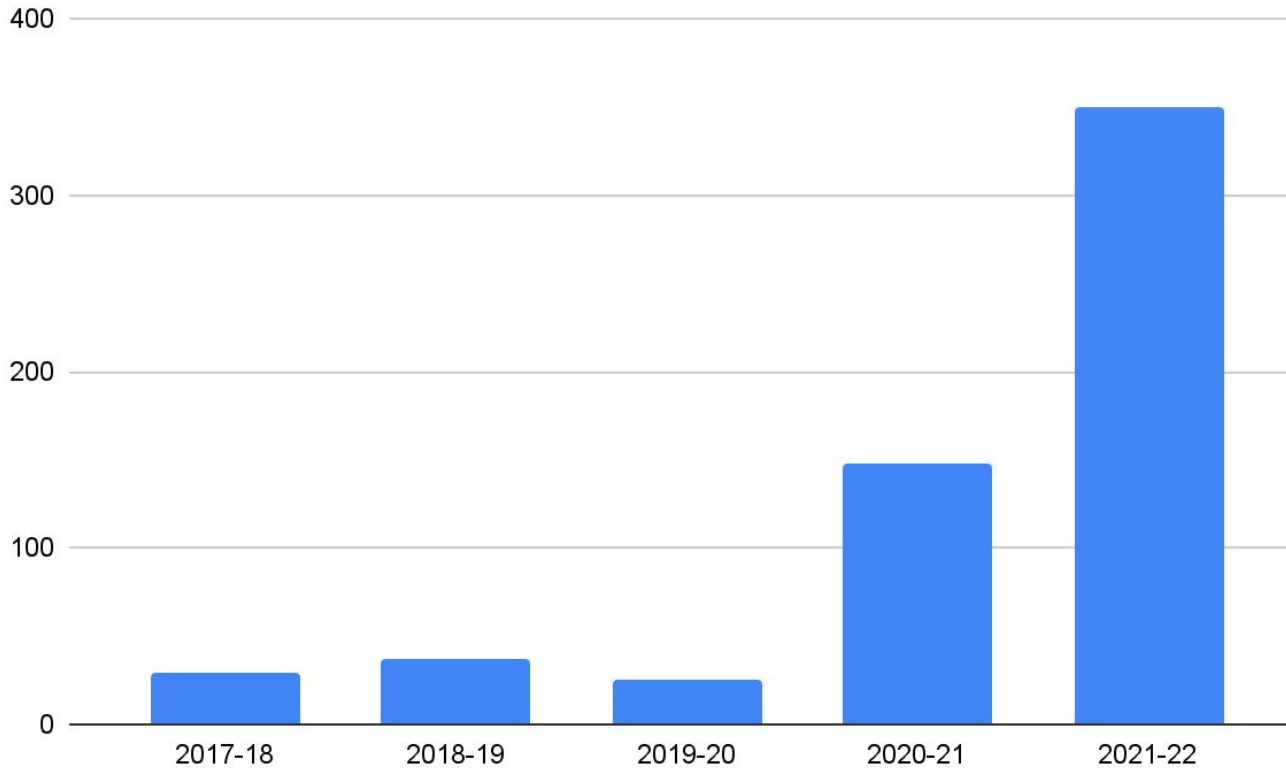
of the state's housing-vulnerable (McKinney-Vento
eligible) students.

We are serving **ten times** the number of McKinney-Vento
eligible students than we did in 2019-20.



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SPSD housing-vulnerable students as defined by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act



By the State of the Schools presentation last January, the district had served a total of 113 McKinney-Vento students. This year that total is more than 350.



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Our population of multilingual learners has increased

70%

since 2019-20. Currently, about

one in five

SPSD students is an a multilingual learner.*

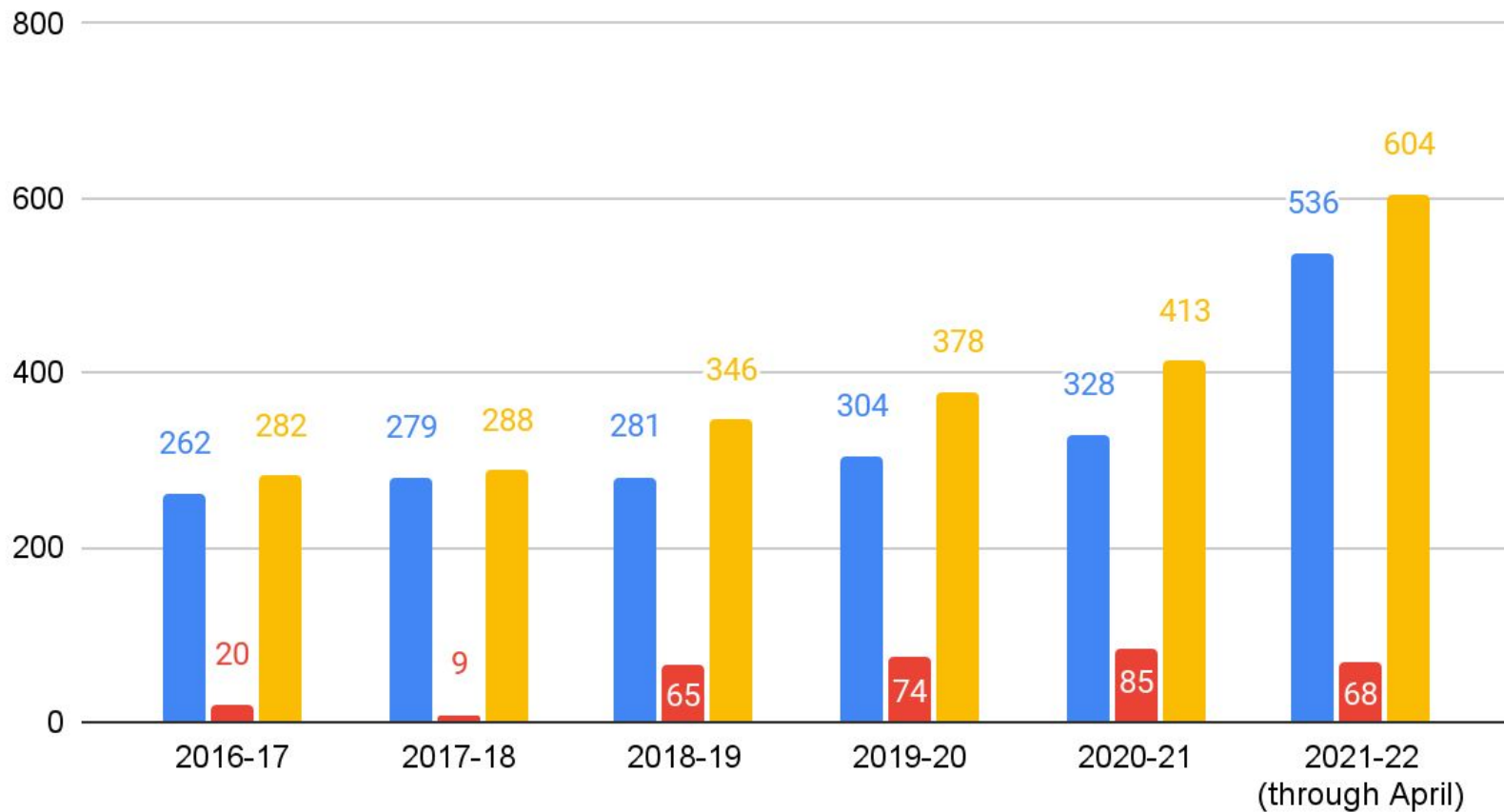
*The MDOE recently adopted the use of “multilingual learner” in place of “English learner.”



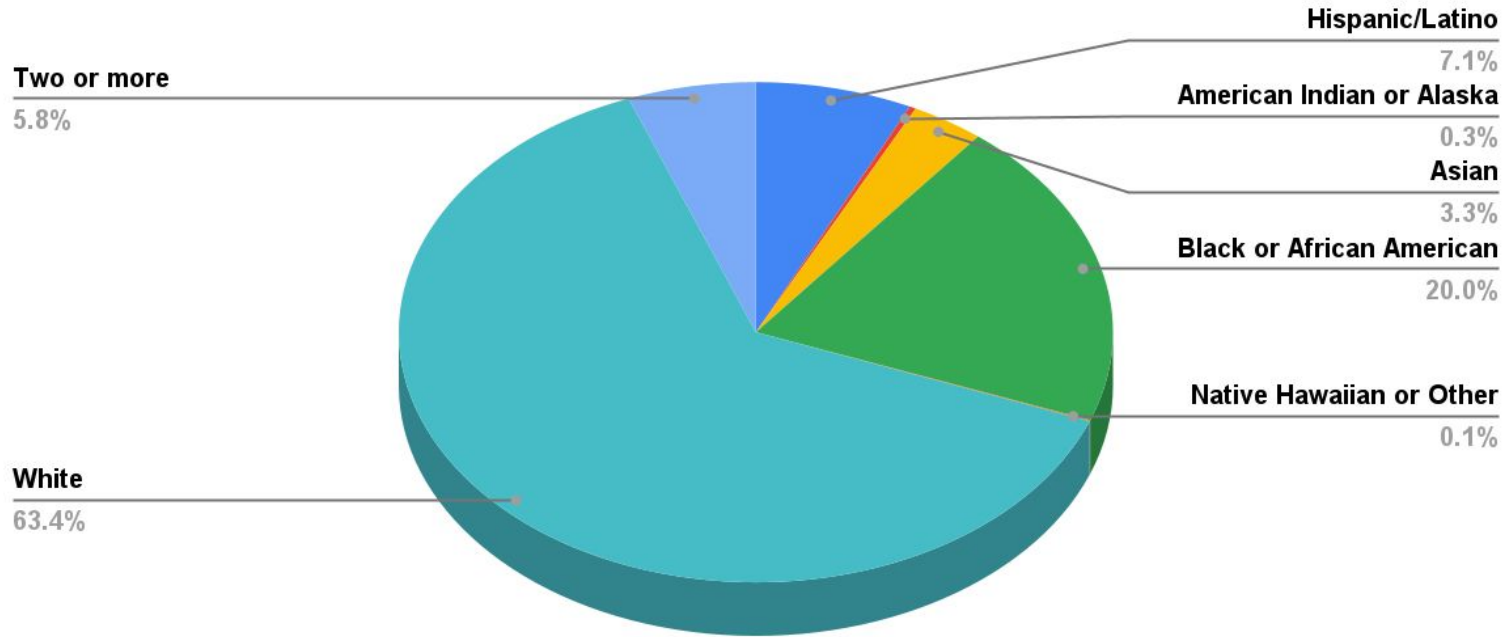
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Multilingual Learners in South Portland since 2016-17

■ ML students ■ ML students on monitor ■ Total ML students served



The growing diversity of South Portland students



In one year, our enrollment of students of color has increased more than 6%. 36.6% are now students of color.



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Our Ambitious Future

Focus on key priorities

- Multi-tiered systems of support
- Shared understanding of what constitutes great teaching and learning
- Equity and educational justice

Reinvigorate systems impacted by the demands of the pandemic

- Systematic gathering and analysis of data – especially disaggregated data – to shape approaches to instruction and learning
- Staff feedback and evaluation to foster professional growth
- Recruitment, onboarding, and retention of outstanding staff

Invest in the capacity of our educators

- Strengthening our capacity to serve Multilingual Learners
- Developing all staff in diversity, equity, inclusion and culturally responsive approaches
- Trauma-informed practices
- Common research-based approaches to literacy



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By the Numbers

Context for the FY23 budget

Our state subsidy decreased from \$8.87 million to \$7.59 million or

14.4% less

than the the FY22 subsidy (largely due to an increase in property valuation).



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FY23 Proposed Budget Highlights

- State subsidy as of January 18, 2022: \$7.59 million (a **decrease of 14%** from FY22)
- Increase in students since October 1, 2022: **7.2%**
- Total amount to be raised by taxes: **\$47,788,176**
- Percentage increase in amount to be raised in taxes: **5.18%**
- Mil rate increase as percentage: **4.71%**



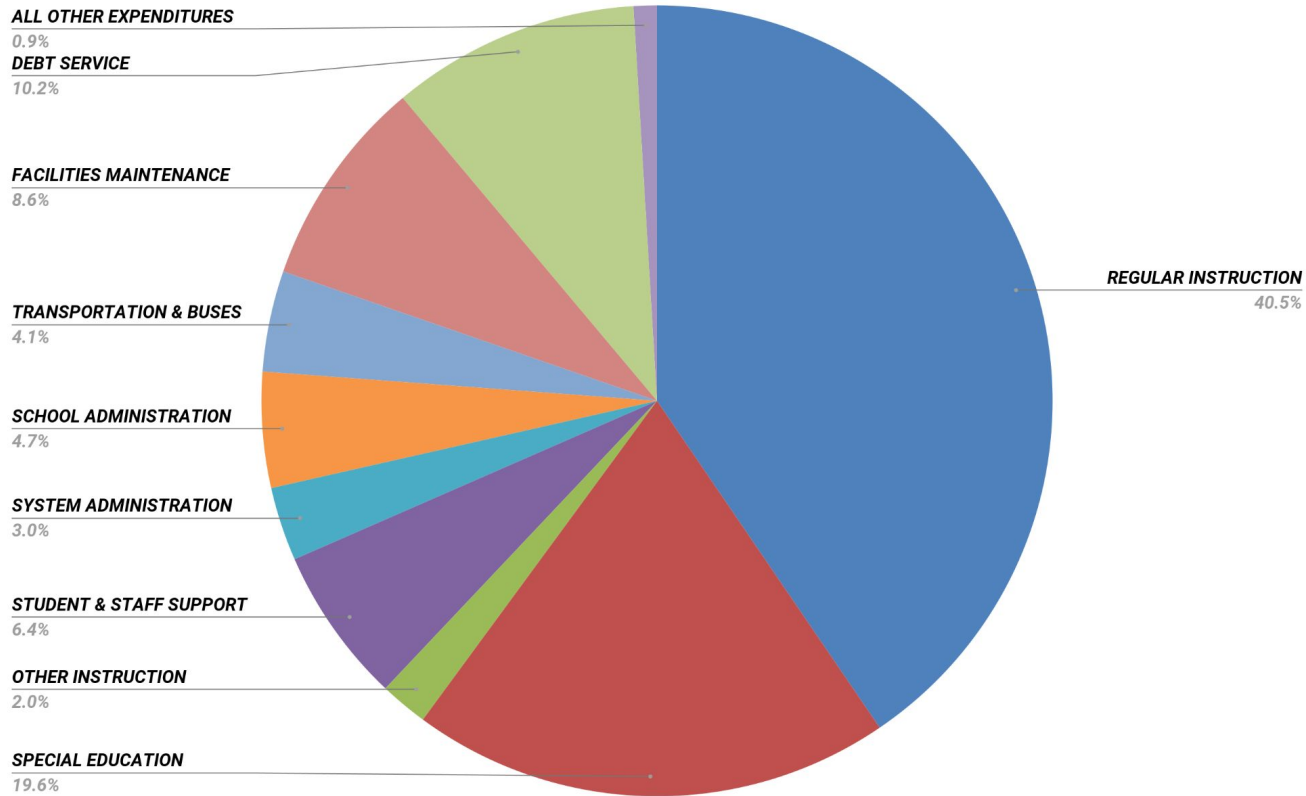
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South Portland Schools FY 21 Budget Summary

PART I - BUDGET - LOCALLY SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

| | <i>FY 22</i> | <i>FY 23</i> | <i>% Change</i> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| REGULAR INSTRUCTION | 23,127,883 | 24,161,319 | 4.5% |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION | 10,975,378 | 11,697,907 | 6.6% |
| CAREER & TECHNICAL ED | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| OTHER INSTRUCTION | 1,116,250 | 1,173,013 | 5.1% |
| STUDENT & STAFF SUPPORT | 3,479,570 | 3,817,035 | 9.7% |
| SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION | 1,689,920 | 1,800,271 | 6.5% |
| SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION | 2,686,750 | 2,819,808 | 5.0% |
| TRANSPORTATION & BUSES | 2,299,251 | 2,461,739 | 7.1% |
| FACILITIES MAINTENANCE | 4,731,678 | 5,122,187 | 8.3% |
| DEBT SERVICE | 4,406,551 | 6,066,217 | 37.7% |
| ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES | 564,067 | 566,800 | 0.5% |
| <i>SUBTOTAL</i> | <u>55,077,298</u> | <u>59,686,296</u> | |
| ADULT EDUCATION | 25,000 | 25,000 | 0.0% |
| <i>TOTAL</i> | <u>\$55,102,298</u> | <u>\$59,711,296</u> | 8.4% |

FY 22 Expenses: The 11 State Categories



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Context for the FY23 budget

Health Care Costs

The MEA Benefits Trust has established

8%

as the maximum increase for districts statewide for FY23. The proposed budget reflect this potential increase.



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New Positions in Local Budget

SPECIAL EDUCATION

2 Teachers
4 Ed Techs

ENGLISH LEARNING

2 EL Teachers

OTHER

Part-time McKinney-Vento Liaison

New Positions with Other Funding Sources

K-5 and MIDDLE

ESSER*: 7 one-year only Ed Tech positions (addressing continuing pandemic-related issues such as sub shortage, student support, etc.)

ENGLISH LEARNING

ESSER: 2 one-year only EL Teachers

DISTRICTWIDE

ESSER: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator#

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Local Entitlement: 4 Ed Techs

*Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds

#Because of the specialized experience and expertise required for this position, we expect that we will need to offer a salary between \$85-100,000 (depending on experience) for this position. Individuals with the qualifications for positions like this are in great demand currently.



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Projected Mil Rate Increase

- Mil rate dependent on final valuation
- Total increase in mil rate projected to be .44. Consistent with previous years*:
 - .46 in FY19
 - .40 in FY20
 - .48 in FY21

*Because of the State's increase in education support in the Part 2 budget, FY22's mil rate decrease was an anomaly.



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South Portland Schools - Tax Calculation Summary*

| | FY 22 | FY 23 |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| Total Operating/Debt Service Expense | \$55,102,298 | \$59,686,296 |
| Total School Funds Available (revenue & use of starting fund balance) | \$9,668,902 | \$11,923,120 |
| Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes | \$45,433,396 | \$47,788,176 |
| Assessed Valuation | \$4,862,587,000 | \$4,885,000 |
| Total Mil Rate | \$9.34 | \$9.78 |
| Total Tax Increase in Dollars | -\$136,506 | \$2,354,780 |
| Mil Rate Increase as Percentage | -30.00% | 5.18% |
| Change in Mil Rate from Prior Year | -\$3.48 | \$0.44 |



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Cumberland County Comparisons

- Proposed tax rate increase is below that of the budgets proposed to Boards in the following districts:
 - Falmouth
 - Gorham
 - Scarborough
 - Westbrook
 - Yarmouth
 - SAD 6



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The overall budget increase will be offset
by the use of

\$1.5 million

from our fund balance. Thus, we are
significantly decreasing the burden of
taxpayers in FY23 through the use of our
fund balance.



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Fund Balance and Reserves FY18-FY23

| | FY18 | FY 19 | FY 20 | FY 21 | FY 22 | FY23 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---------------------------|
| <i>STARTING UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE</i> | \$769,031 | \$1,807,535 | \$668,461 | \$2,166,706 | \$4,509,164 | PROJECTED \$4,509,164 |
| <i>BUDGETED USE OF FUND BALANCE IN BUDGET</i> | \$500,000 | \$500,000 | \$250,000 | \$500,000 | First budget*: \$1,000,000 Final budget: \$0 | \$1,500,000 |
| <i>RESERVES AT END OF FY</i> | 531,213 | \$1,354,275 | \$1,146,172 | \$421,059 | PROJECTED \$421,059 | PROJECTED \$1,571,059# |
| <i>UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE AT END OF FY</i> | \$1,807,535 | \$668,461 | \$2,166,706 | \$4,509,164 | PROJECTED \$4,509,164 | PROJECTED \$1,850,000 |
| <i>TOTAL FUND BALANCE* AT END OF FY *Undesignated + Reserves</i> | \$2,338,748 | \$2,022,736 | \$3,312,878 | \$4,930,223 | PROJECTED \$4,930,059 | PROJECTED \$3,421,059 |

*Prior to the State's Part 2 budget for FY22, the district budgeted the use of \$1 million in fund balance.

#We are likely to transfer about \$1.15 million to reserves.

By the Numbers

Proposed Superintendent's FY23 budget

Undesignated Fund Balance

*Even with the significant use of fund balance in the proposed budget, the projected undesignated fund balance at the end of FY23 (\$1.85 million) **exceeds the six-year average** (FY16-21) of undesignated fund balance (\$1.79 million).*



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FY 23 Capital Improvement Project Plan Summary

| School or Department | Proposed FY22* | Notes |
|----------------------|------------------|--|
| Brown | \$8,000 | Straighten basketball stanchions |
| SPHS | \$53,500 | Boiler stack pipes, wayfinding signs, HVAC units, and sewer repair |
| District-Wide | \$70,000 | Replace maintenance van |
| Transportation | \$160,000 | New state approved bus and 10 passenger student transportation van |
| Total CIP | \$296,300 | |

- Funded by reserves
- Focus on health and safety and restoring our vehicle fleet
- Other major projects funded through facilities budget



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Additional Slides



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**SOUTH PORTLAND SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
REVENUE COMPARISONS - PART I BUDGET**

| <i>DESCRIPTION</i> | <i>FY20 BUDGETED REVENUES</i> | <i>FY21 BUDGETED REVENUES</i> | <i>FY22 BUDGETED REVENUES</i> | <i>FY23 BUDGETED REVENUES</i> |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>USE OF FUND BALANCE</i> | \$250,000 | \$500,000 | \$0 | \$1,500,000 |
| <i>TUITION FOR STATE AGENCY CLIENTS</i> | 15,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| <i>STUDENT ADM.</i> | 43,000 | 43,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| <i>ATHLETIC SPONSORSHIPS</i> | 50,000 | 30,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| <i>OTHER REVENUE</i> | 7,920 | - | - | - |
| <i>STATE SUBSIDY</i> | 6,811,260 | 6,748,483 | 9,018,106 | 9,774,283 |
| <i>MAINE CARE</i> | 25,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| <i>PORTLAND TRANSPORTATION AGRMT</i> | 125,000 | 129,500 | 120,000 | 120,000 |
| <i>TRANSFER IN FROM BRICKHILL TIF</i> | 318,717 | 343,028 | 320,796 | 320,796 |
| <i>TRANSFER IN SRO/BUS/TECH RESERVES</i> | 127,980 | 180,142 | 0 | 98,041 |
| <i>SUB TOTAL REVENUE</i> | 7,773,877 | 8,034,153 | 9,568,902 | 11,923,120 |
| <i>LOCAL EFFORT - OPERATING</i> | 44,582,643 | 45,569,902 | 45,533,396 | 47,788,176 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$52,356,520 | \$53,604,055 | \$55,102,298 | \$59,711,296 |

Newly-Requested Positions Not Yet Funded

- 16 additional new positions were requested by principals, examples including:
 - K-5 teachers
 - SPHS Social Worker (General Education)
 - Middle School math/science teacher
- They are not included in the local budget, but some may be funded with temporary federal pandemic-era funding



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SPSD Budget: Four-Year View

| | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| PART I Local Operating Budget | \$52,331,520 | \$53,579,055 | \$55,077,298 | \$59,686,296 |
| Adult Education Local Contribution | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| Total School Operating Budget | \$52,356,520 | \$53,604,055 | \$55,102,298 | \$59,711,296 |
| SPHS Debt Reserve Funds Attributable to the School Department | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total School Operating/Debt Reserve Expense | <u>\$52,356,520</u> | <u>\$53,604,055</u> | <u>\$55,102,298</u> | <u>\$59,711,296</u> |
| <u>Revenue and Adjustments:</u> | | | | |
| Non-Tax Revenue (e.g., GPA, SAC, MaineCare, etc.) | \$7,523,877 | \$7,534,153 | \$9,568,902 | \$10,423,120 |
| Use of Starting Fund Balance | 250,000 | 500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 |
| Total School Funds Available | <u>\$7,773,877</u> | <u>\$8,034,153</u> | <u>\$9,568,902</u> | <u>\$11,923,120</u> |
| Total Amount to Be Raised by Taxes (Total School Operating Budget Less Funds Available) | <u>\$44,582,643</u> | <u>\$45,569,902</u> | <u>\$45,533,396</u> | <u>\$47,788,176</u> |



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| South Portland Schools Enrollment | | | |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| | October 1, 2020 | October 1, 2021 | April 2022 |
| Elementary Schools - Grades PreK-5 | | | |
| Brown School | 248 | 255 | 276 |
| Dyer School | 216 | 198 | 200 |
| Kaler School | 216 | 240 | 261 |
| Small School | 245 | 231 | 257 |
| Skillin School | 385 | 357 | 386 |
| total | 1310 | 1281 | 1380 |
| Middle Schools - Grades 6-8 | | | |
| Mahoney | 320 | 285 | 308 |
| Memorial | 373 | 387 | 411 |
| total | 693 | 672 | 719 |
| High School - Grades 9-12 | | | |
| SPHS | 908 | 934 | 995 |
| TOTAL | 2911 | 2887 | 3094 |