

WILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

To: The Wilton Board of Education

From: Kevin Smith

Re: Proposed Reductions to FY 2023 Budget

Date: April 7, 2022

In response to the proposed revised appropriation from the Board of Finance, and anticipating that the BOF will restore \$200,000 slated for the WHS lobby elevator replacement, I recommend the following reductions. As we have discussed previously, there is little left to eliminate from our non-personnel accounts.

In considering how we might make reductions, I propose the following: consider areas of spending where we might anticipate additional savings, prioritize FTE reductions that will have the least negative impact on students and programming. Consider first eliminating positions that are proposed but not currently filled (e.g. MB math specialist).

Position/Cost Center	Location	Dollar	Impact
Savings from Admin	WHS AD & CM AP	\$15,000	No impact. Salary differential realized through hiring
Replacement			Year-1 administrators.
Savings from new website	District	\$10,000	No impact. New contract with a lower cost service
contract			provider.
Technology	District	\$10,000	Reduction in the number of replacement
			chromebooks.
Transportation	District	\$10,000	Reduction to athletics transportation, field trips, in-
			district special education transportation.
SPED Contract Services	District	\$70,000	Reduction in various services delivered through
			contracted providers.
.8 School Social Worker	Middlebrook	\$100,000	Reduce to .5 and move to ARP ESSR Grant for 1 Year.
.5 LMS Para	WHS	\$30,000	Vacancy created through retirement. Reduced para
			support services in the WHS media center.
1.0 Sped Paraprofessional	TBD	\$60,000	Will need to reorganize paraprofessional support to
			students with IEPs.
1.0 Math Specialist	Middlebrook	\$120,000	Maintain current level of intervention services.
.2 Certified (.1 science/ .1	WHS	\$20,000	Increased class sizes in forensics and select art classes.
Art)			
.4 Art	MB	\$40,000	Increased class sizes in 6 th grade Art.
	Total	\$ 485,000	