



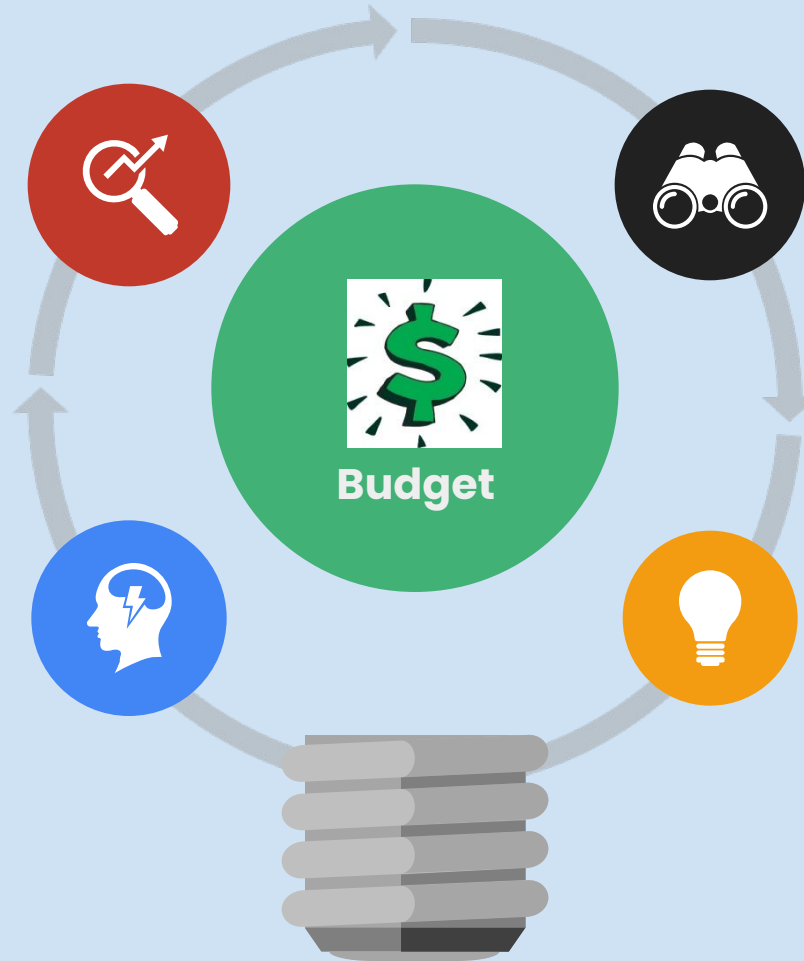
Gateway Regional School District

FY '23 BUDGET OVERVIEW - 2.9.22

How We Create Our Budget

Research
Each department looks into its budget and determines its needs by using expense trends and current student data.

Manage
Budget is presented to School Committee for approval and then moved to the towns for approval at annual town meeting.



Analysis
We use data provided by the state and historical data to make data informed decisions when thinking about our future needs.

Action
The Leadership Team reviews budget requests and determines actual needs as well as potential cuts.

Expense Drivers

Student Learning Options

Provide an exemplary education that challenges students in an instructional setting appropriate to their needs.

Inflation

Expenses that the district incur continue to rise annually even though inflation has been relatively low in recent years. The trend still is that the increases in expenses outpace increases in revenue.

Technology and Information

The rapid increase in technology has accelerated the need to more frequently replace educational materials and equipment.

Student Learning Options

Economically Disadvantaged Students

Economically Disadvantaged Students

32% of Massachusetts school aged children live in families that are low income. These students often require added services from public education.

Special Education

Student needs for special services has increased. Special education programs have been developed within the district in order to keep students with their peers and to reduce the need for out of district placements

Maintenance

Upkeep, maintenance, and utilities for all buildings

Inflation

Technology And Information

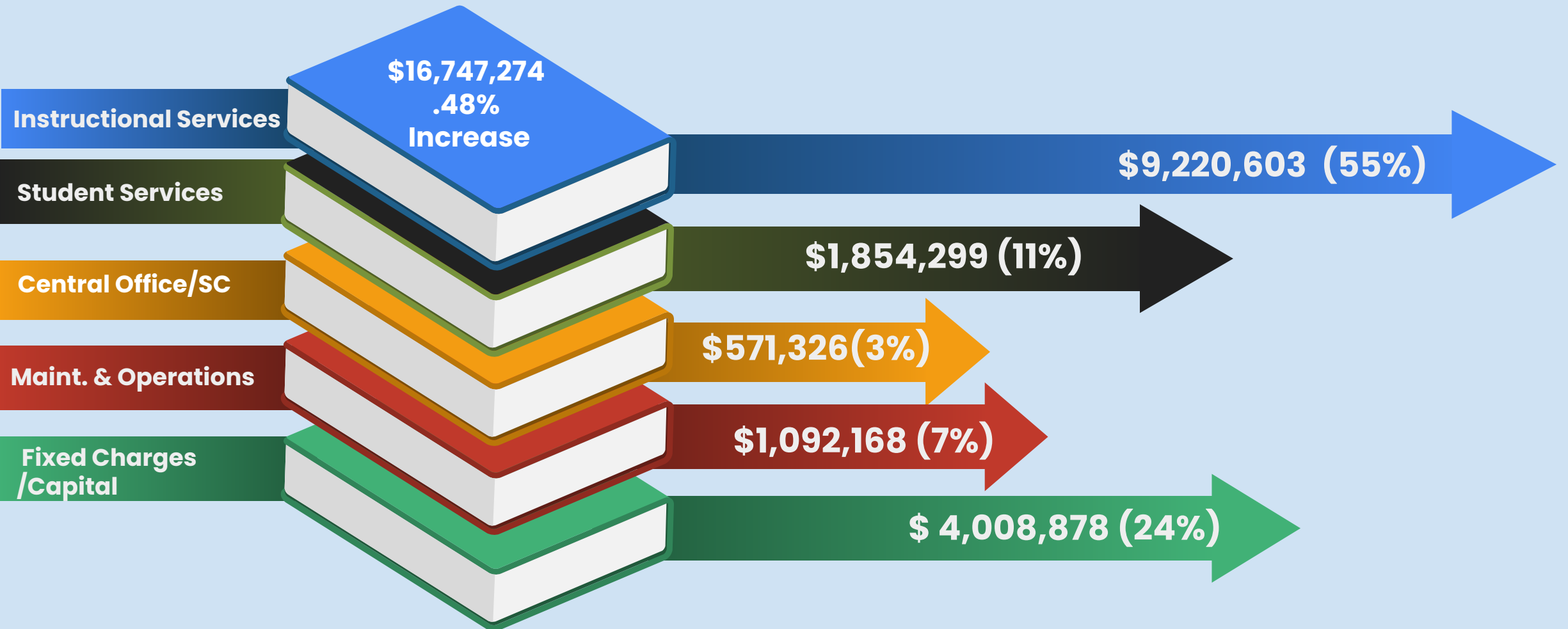
Special Education

Facilities



FY '23 Budget Request - 2.9.22

(Working budget posted on [ClearGov](#))



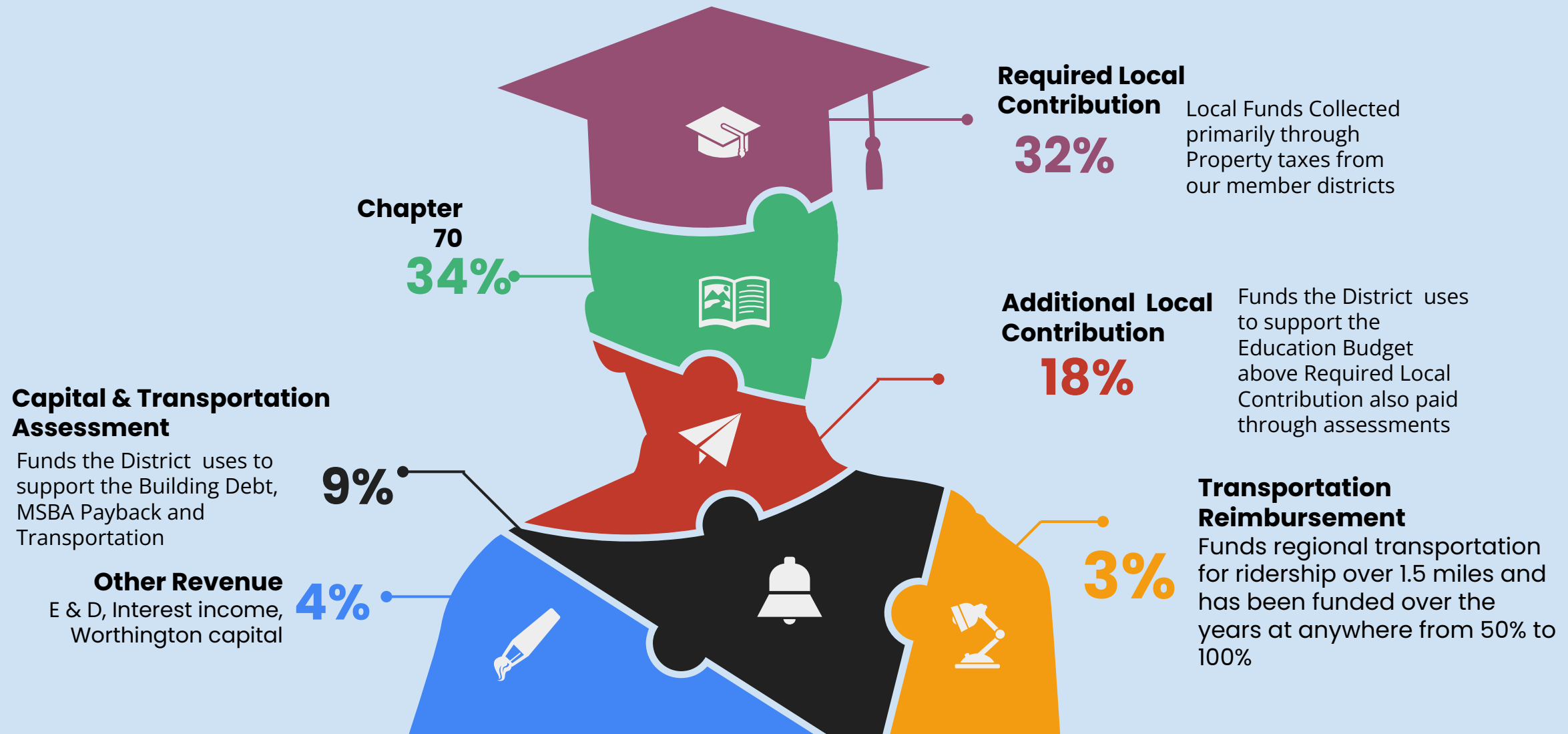
Summary of Proposed FY '23 Budget

FUND - DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY '19	ACTUAL FY '20	ACTUAL FY '21	BUDGET FY '22	BUDGET FY '23	\$ CHANGE FROM '22	% CHANGE FROM '22
1000 - District Leadership	\$691,293	\$612,513	\$649,061	\$630,131	\$571,326	(\$58,805)	(9.3)%
2000 - Instructional Services	\$7,676,891	\$7,988,635	\$7,803,286	\$8,317,722	\$8,407,847	\$90,125	1.0%
3000 - Other Student Services	\$1,653,662	\$1,565,223	\$1,363,263	\$1,794,348	\$1,854,299	\$59,951	3.3%
4000 - Operations & Maint.	\$1,073,623	\$1,109,463	\$1,038,652	\$1,082,404	\$1,092,168	\$9,764	.9%
5000 - Fixed Charges	\$3,172,380	\$3,133,530	\$3,253,715	\$3,179,217	\$3,206,183	\$26,966	0.8%
7000/8000 - Fixed Assets/Debt	\$925,679	\$821,095	\$986,073	\$808,395	\$802,695	(\$5,700)	(1.0)%
9000 - Tuitions to Schools	\$659,060	\$819,991	\$789,765	\$854,516	\$812,756	(\$41,760)	-4.9%
TOTALS	\$15,852,588	\$16,050,450	\$15,883,815	\$16,666,733	\$16,747,274	\$80,541	.48%

Revenue Projections

	FY '22	FY '23	\$ Change
Chapter 70	\$5,682,099	\$5,704,719	\$22,620
Worthington Obligation	\$77,172	\$76,628	(\$544)
Bank Interest	\$45,630	\$22,320	(\$23,310)
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$0
Charter School Reimb.	\$10,569	\$11,336	\$767
Excess & Deficiency	\$556,960	\$421,000	(\$135,960)
Regional Transp. Reimb.	\$549,856	\$572,195	\$22,339
Homeless Transp. Reimb.	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
Total	\$6,985,286	\$6,871,198	(\$114,088)

Where Does Our Funding Come From?



Chapter 70 Foundation Formula

The goal of **Chapter 70 Formula Aid** is to ensure that every district has sufficient resources to meet its foundation budget spending level through an equitable contribution of local property taxes and state aid.

There are cost rates associated with **11** different spending categories (e.g., teacher compensation, professional development, building maintenance, etc.)

Local Income Effort is based on residents' income. The Income percentage is 1.4135%
= 1.5252% X Residential Income



There are **13** enrollment categories and demographic groups that make up a district's enrollment numbers. The state totals the different categories (e.g., economically disadvantaged or students from low income families, special education, and limited English proficiency students).

Local Property Effort is based on property values. The property percentage is .3311% of the equalized property valuation of the community.
= .3624% X Equalized Property Values

Required Local Contribution is a measurement of how much local tax revenue a city or town can reasonably raise and dedicate to the operation of its K-12 Schools.

Student Number Comparisons

March 2021 to February 2022

TOWN	3/1/21 Census	2/1/22 Census	Change in Census
Blandford	96	90	(6)
Chester	143	124	(19)
Huntington	261	280	19
Middlefield	22	18	(4)
Montgomery	72	70	(2)
Russell	201	202	1
Totals	795	784	(11)

Census Percentage Comparisons

March 2021 to February 2022

TOWN	3/1/21 Census %	2/1/22 Census %	Change in Census %
Blandford	12.076	11.480	(.596)
Chester	17.987	15.816	(2.171)
Huntington	32.830	35.714	2.884
Middlefield	2.767	2.296	(.471)
Montgomery	9.057	8.929	(.128)
Russell	25.283	25.765	.482
Totals	100.000	100.000	0

Minimum Contribution Comparison

Town	FY '22	FY '23	\$ Change	% Change
Blandford	\$965,933	\$954,135	(\$11,798)	-1.22%
Chester	\$829,769	\$866,898	\$37,129	4.47%
Huntington	\$1,452,082	\$1,522,304	\$70,222	4.84%
Middlefield	\$258,910	\$227,691	(\$31,219)	-12.06%
Montgomery	\$687,106	\$727,012	\$39,906	5.81%
Russell	\$1,009,057	\$1,100,816	\$91,759	9.09%
Totals	\$5,202,857	\$5,398,856	\$195,999	3.77%

Assessment Comparisons Statutory vs. Alternative

	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	ALTERNATE	ALTERNATE	ALTERNATE
TOWN	FY '22	FY '23	\$ INC./(DEC.)	% INC./(DEC.)	FY '22	FY '23	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
Blandford	\$1,506,767	\$1,468,120	(\$38,647)	-2.56%	\$1,506,767	\$1,537,058	\$30,291	2.01%
Chester	\$1,635,333	\$1,575,015	(\$60,318)	-3.69%	\$1,635,333	\$1,668,209	\$32,876	2.01%
Huntington	\$2,922,403	\$3,121,298	\$198,895	6.81%	\$2,922,403	\$2,981,153	\$58,750	2.01%
Middlefield	\$382,833	\$330,488	(\$52,345)	-13.67%	\$382,833	\$390,529	\$7,695	2.01%
Montgomery	\$1,092,732	\$1,126,783	\$34,051	3.12%	\$1,092,732	\$1,114,700	\$21,968	2.01%
Russell	\$2,141,379	\$2,254,372	\$112,993	5.28%	\$2,141,379	\$2,184,428	\$43,049	2.01%
Totals	\$9,681,447	\$9,876,076	\$194,629	2.01%	\$9,681,447	\$9,876,076	\$194,629	2.01%

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 1, 2022 CENSUS

TOWN	Pre Sch.	Kdg.	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Pre-6	7	8	Total	9	10	11	12	Total	Out of District Spec. Needs	TOTAL PRE-12	School Choice	Charter School	TOTAL	PERCENT
BLANDFORD	4	4	3	3	11	5	4	11	45	8	5	13	3	7	5	7	22	0	80	10	0	90	11.480%
CHESTER	9	8	6	11	8	3	7	7	59	13	9	22	8	11	9	6	34	0	115	8	1	124	15.816%
HUNTINGTON	23	21	16	19	20	26	21	16	162	24	26	50	5	11	5	10	31	2	245	31	4	280	35.714%
MIDDLEFIELD	2	0	1	0	2	3	1	2	11	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	15	3	0	18	2.296%
MONTGOMERY	10	4	4	2	2	6	3	1	32	6	3	9	0	5	9	5	19	0	60	10	0	70	8.929%
RUSSELL	16	7	8	11	10	18	13	16	99	17	14	31	15	11	7	12	45	2	177	25	0	202	25.765%
TOTAL	64	44	38	46	53	61	49	53	408	68	58	126	31	45	36	42	154	4	692	87	5	784	100.000%

TOWN	Pre Sch.	Kdg.	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Pre-6	7	8	Total	9	10	11	12	Total	Total Pre-12
EXCHANGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TUITION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCHOOL CHOICE	0	3	4	4	0	8	4	2	25	5	6	11	4	3	5	3	15	51
TOTAL	0	3	4	4	0	8	4	2	25	5	6	11	4	3	5	3	15	51
GRAND TOTALS	64	47	42	50	53	69	53	55	433	73	64	137	35	48	41	45	169	743

VOCATIONAL	West Voke	Smith Voke	Total Voke
TOWN			
BLANDFORD	4	6	10
CHESTER	2	5	7
HUNTINGTON	8	19	27
MIDDLEFIELD	1	2	3
MONTGOMERY	2	1	3
RUSSELL	14	6	20
TOTAL	31	39	70

*Preschool role models and at-risk children

Vocational student interest for FY '23

Current students expressing interest in vocational schools for FY '23
(Student count as of 2/7/22)

Deadline for applications - April 1

Blandford	=	5
Chester	=	2
Huntington	=	9
Middlefield	=	1
Montgomery	=	1
Russell	=	6
Total	=	24

FY '23 Vocational Information for Gateway Towns

	Required Baseline Contribution	Adjusted Required Contribution	Reduction in Minimum Contribution to GRSD due to vocational	Ch. 70 Paid Directly to Towns for Vocational Offset	Total Net School Spending For Vocational	Vocational Foundation Enrollment	Ch. 70/GRSD Minimum Local Contribution Relief Per Vocational Student
Blandford	\$1,083,641	\$954,135	\$129,506	\$43,955	\$173,461	10	\$17,346.10
Chester	\$923,970	\$866,898	\$57,072	\$72,014	\$129,086	7	\$18,440.86
Huntington	\$1,707,957	\$1,522,304	\$185,653	\$258,496	\$444,149	26	\$17,082.65
Middlefield	\$266,543	\$227,691	\$38,852	\$13,290	\$52,142	3	\$17,380.67
Montgomery	\$765,322	\$727,012	\$38,310	\$21,162	\$59,472	3	\$19,824.00
Russell	\$1,237,365	\$1,100,816	\$136,549	\$207,425	\$343,974	19	\$18,103.89
Total	\$5,984,798	\$5,398,856	\$585,942	\$616,342	\$1,202,284	68	

Closing the gap to reach goal of 2% assessment increase needs offset with other funding sources

- ❖ ESSER II and ESSER III - funding 3 full-time positions
- ❖ School Choice - Funding all technology staff, technology maintenance, technology supplies, internet charges, paraprofessional, and paraprofessional/nurse.
- ❖ Rural School Aid - New preschool program, and unanticipated increases after budget approval
- ❖ State and federal grant funding used to supplement budget and programming



How We Will Continue The Discussion?

Research

Continue to research options to fund Gateway as well as stay on top of future recommendations from the state about best practices.



Manage

Manage budgets as well as work on plans for the future based on student needs



Improvement

Continue to invest in the education of Gateway students. Also, make data informed decisions when it comes to students' education.



Analysis

Continue to use DESE provided data as well as historical data to analyze our own spending trends, using this data for district to district comparisons.



Action

Work closely with school committee and town officials to determine not only the needs of the school district but also the needs of the member towns.

What's next?

The district administrative team is continuing to look at staffing needs and programming as part of the final budget

March 1 census will be completed for calculation of final assessments

Finalizing revenue projections and Excess & Deficiency use

Updating line items with as current information as possible (i.e. heating oil, health insurance, electricity, etc.)

ClearGov will be updated with proposed final version for adoption

Links & Questions

LINKS

[Initial FY '23 Working Budget on ClearGov](#)

FY '23 Preliminary Cherry Sheets - [Municipal](#) & [Regional](#)

[FY '23 Preliminary Chapter 70 Aid](#)

QUESTIONS

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