



Gateway Regional School District

FY '22 BUDGET OVERVIEW - 2.10.21

How We Create Our Budget



Expense Drivers

Student Learning Options

Gateway's mission is to 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

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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

Facilities

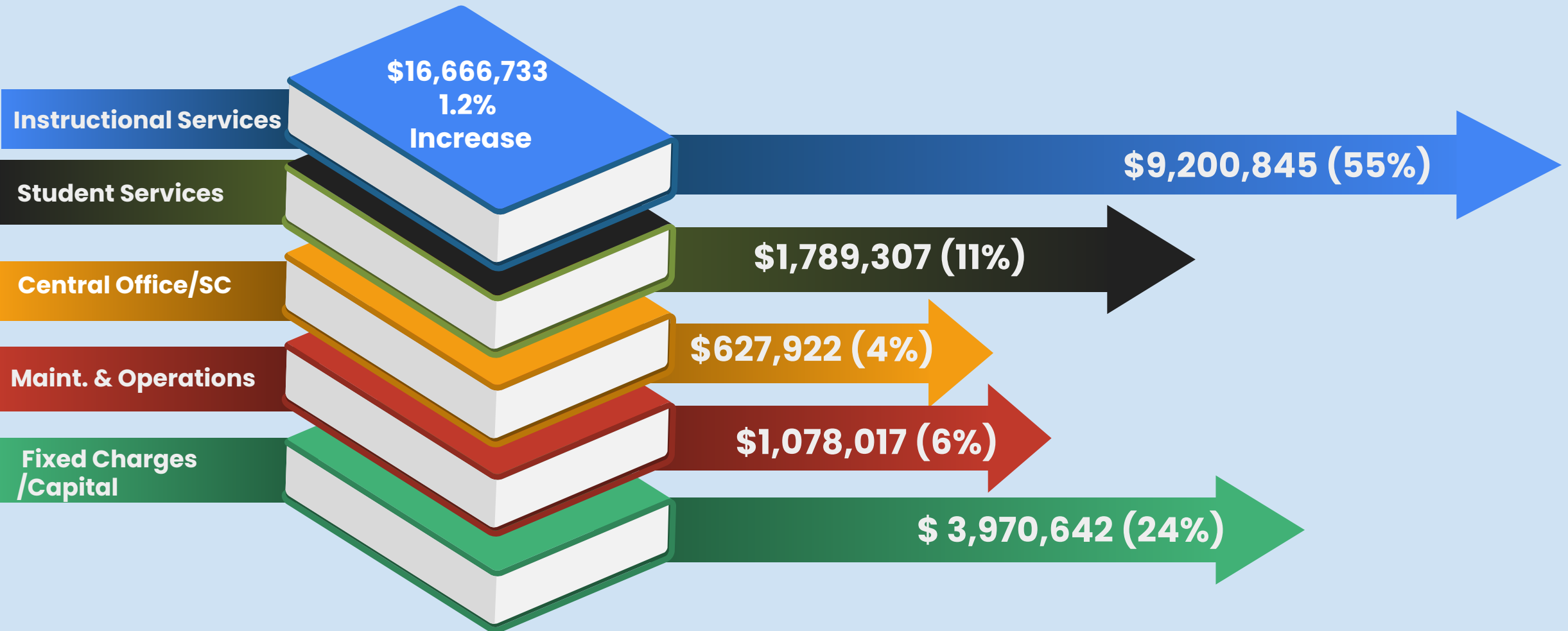
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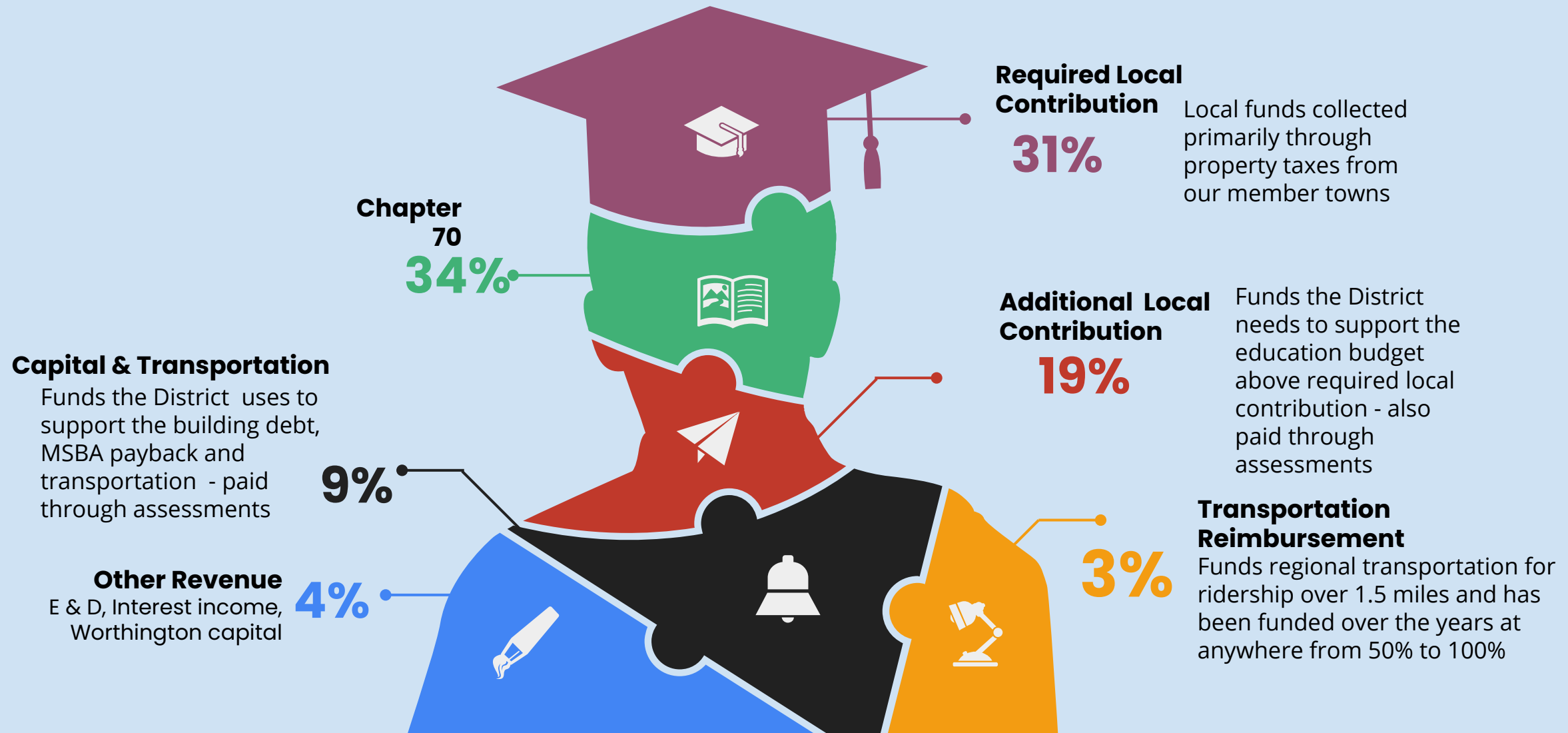
FY22 Budget Request - 1/27/21



Summary of Proposed FY '22 Budget

| FUND - DESCRIPTION | ACTUAL FY '18 | ACTUAL FY '19 | ACTUAL FY '20 | BUDGET FY '21 | BUDGET FY '22 | \$ CHANGE FROM '21 | % CHANGE FROM '21 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1000 - District Leadership | \$680,707 | \$691,293 | \$612,513 | \$627,536 | \$627,922 | \$386 | 0.1% |
| 2000 - Instructional Services | \$7,480,857 | \$7,676,891 | \$7,988,635 | \$8,127,147 | \$8,350,697 | \$223,550 | 2.8% |
| 3000 - Other Student Services | \$1,765,068 | \$1,653,662 | \$1,565,223 | \$1,798,360 | \$1,789,307 | -\$9,053 | -0.5% |
| 4000 - Operations & Maint. | \$1,147,406 | \$1,073,623 | \$1,109,463 | \$1,066,432 | \$1,078,017 | \$11,585 | 1.1% |
| 5000 - Fixed Charges | \$3,046,661 | \$3,172,380 | \$3,133,530 | \$3,149,574 | \$3,162,247 | \$12,673 | 0.4% |
| 7000/8000 - Fixed Assets/Debt | \$816,505 | \$925,679 | \$821,095 | \$826,595 | \$808,395 | -\$18,200 | -2.2% |
| 9000 - Tuitions to Schools | \$726,288 | \$659,060 | \$819,991 | \$878,559 | \$850,148 | -\$28,411 | -3.2% |
| TOTALS | \$15,663,492 | \$15,852,588 | \$16,050,450 | \$16,474,203 | \$16,666,733 | \$192,530 | 1.2% |

Where Does Our Funding Come From?



Chapter 70 Foundation Formula

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/finance/chapter70/fy2022/preliminary.html>

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%
=1.4135% 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.
= .3311% 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.

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 4, 2021 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 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 8 | 50 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 25 | 1 | 87 | 11 | 0 | 98 | 12.374% |
| CHESTER | 7 | 4 | 11 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 65 | 10 | 12 | 22 | 9 | 12 | 5 | 15 | 41 | 0 | 128 | 13 | 1 | 142 | 17.929% |
| HUNTINGTON | 15 | 18 | 17 | 21 | 23 | 19 | 16 | 24 | 153 | 28 | 12 | 40 | 11 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 35 | 1 | 229 | 25 | 4 | 258 | 32.576% |
| MIDDLEFIELD | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 25 | 3.157% |
| MONTGOMERY | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 27 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 28 | 0 | 61 | 9 | 0 | 70 | 8.838% |
| RUSSELL | 3 | 8 | 12 | 7 | 19 | 13 | 16 | 22 | 100 | 15 | 16 | 31 | 16 | 13 | 14 | 6 | 49 | 2 | 182 | 17 | 0 | 199 | 25.126% |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 30 | 42 | 44 | 50 | 63 | 50 | 55 | 73 | 407 | 63 | 51 | 114 | 46 | 48 | 37 | 51 | 182 | 4 | 707 | 80 | 5 | 792 | 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 | 0 |
| TUITION | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SCHOOL CHOICE | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 25 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 0 | 54 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 25 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 0 | 54 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GRAND TOTALS | 30 | 46 | 47 | 51 | 69 | 53 | 58 | 78 | 432 | 69 | 59 | 128 | 50 | 51 | 40 | 56 | 197 | 4 | 761 |

| VOCATIONAL | West Voke | Smith Voke | Total Voke |
|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| TOWN | | | |
| BLANDFORD | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| CHESTER | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| HUNTINGTON | 10 | 18 | 28 |
| MIDDLEFIELD | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| MONTGOMERY | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| RUSSELL | 19 | 4 | 23 |
| | | | |
| TOTAL | 43 | 35 | 78 |

*Preschool role models and at-risk children

Census Percentage Comparisons

March 2020 to January 2021

| TOWN | 3/1/20 Census % | 1/4/21 Census % | Change in Census % |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Blandford | 13.333 | 12.374 | (.959) |
| Chester | 15.841 | 17.929 | 2.088 |
| Huntington | 33.333 | 32.576 | (.757) |
| Middlefield | 3.761 | 3.157 | (.604) |
| Montgomery | 8.091 | 8.838 | .747 |
| Russell | 25.641 | 25.126 | (.515) |
| Totals | 100.000 | 100.000 | 0 |

Assessment Comparisons

Statutory vs. Alternative

| | STATUTORY | STATUTORY | STATUTORY | STATUTORY | STATUTORY | ALTERNATE | ALTERNATE | ALTERNATE |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| TOWN | FY '21 | FY '22 | INCREASE | % INCREASE | FY '21 | FY '22 | INCREASE | % INCREASE |
| Blandford | \$1,646,875 | \$1,541,392 | (\$105,483) | -6.41% | \$1,646,875 | \$1,676,126 | \$29,251 | 1.78% |
| Chester | \$1,529,224 | \$1,663,566 | \$134,342 | 8.78% | \$1,529,224 | \$1,556,386 | \$27,162 | 1.78% |
| Huntington | \$2,925,044 | \$2,967,045 | \$42,001 | 1.44% | \$2,925,044 | \$2,976,998 | \$51,954 | 1.78% |
| Middlefield | \$494,778 | \$405,728 | (\$89,050) | -18.00% | \$494,778 | \$503,566 | \$8,788 | 1.78% |
| Montgomery | \$985,695 | \$1,098,122 | \$112,427 | 11.41% | \$985,695 | \$1,003,203 | \$17,508 | 1.78% |
| Russell | \$2,099,831 | \$2,177,554 | \$77,723 | 3.70% | \$2,099,831 | \$2,137,128 | \$37,297 | 1.78% |
| Totals | \$9,681,447 | \$9,853,407 | \$171,960 | 1.78% | \$9,681,447 | \$9,853,407 | \$171,960 | 1.78% |

FY '22 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 | 1,089,212 | \$965,933 | \$123,279 | \$43,955 | \$167,234 | 10 | \$16,723.40 |
| Chester | 893,972 | \$829,769 | \$64,203 | \$72,014 | \$136,217 | 9 | \$15,135.22 |
| Huntington | 1,650,261 | \$1,452,082 | \$198,179 | \$258,496 | \$456,675 | 27 | \$16,913.89 |
| Middlefield | 295,894 | \$258,910 | \$36,984 | \$13,290 | \$50,274 | 3 | \$16,758.00 |
| Montgomery | 736,418 | \$687,106 | \$49,312 | \$21,162 | \$70,474 | 4 | \$17,618.50 |
| Russell | 1,162,060 | \$1,009,057 | \$153,003 | \$207,425 | \$360,428 | 22 | \$16,383.09 |
| Total | \$5,827,817 | \$5,202,857 | \$624,960 | \$616,342 | \$1,241,302 | 75 | |

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

Continue to 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

Continue to 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.

Covid Relief Funding - Projected Needs

- ❖ Expanded Summer Educational Programs
- ❖ Additional Social Emotional Services
- ❖ Additional Tutoring Services
- ❖ After-School Programs
- ❖ PPE, Sanitizing, Cleaning Supplies
- ❖ Late Buses
- ❖ Professional Development

