



FY'17 Budget Hearing

School Committee

March 2, 2016

Considerations Used in Preparing Budget

Maintaining Student Services

Town Concerns Over Affordability

- DOR shows six town expenses increasing an average of **2.3%** over ten years
- Gateway budget has decreased **-8.6%** over the last ten years
- Gateway has absorbed the loss of state revenue (over \$1 million) and made additional cuts to the budget to limit increases in town assessments over the last 10 years
- Over the last 10 years, Gateway's share of town expenditures has decreased

Loss of Mitigation Funding **-\$630,000**

State Revenue

Avoidance of Fiscal Cliff

Student Services and Opportunities

Maintain Student Opportunities

Avoid Multi-Age
Maintain Electives
Support Whole Child
Equity in District

Maintain Student Services

Behavioral, Social & Emotional Supports
Academic Supports
Extracurricular Programming
Sports Programs

Use Of Resources

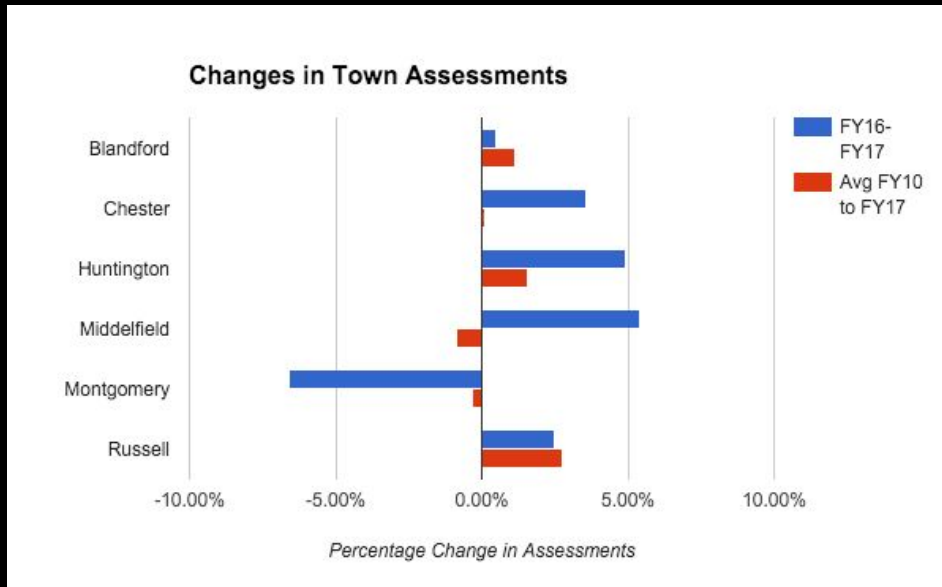
Account for Staffing Requirements
(Certifications, Special Education, Support Staff, Administration)
Transportation Savings

Affordability

ASSESSMENTS:

Overall Assessment Increase of 2.11%

Assessments range from a **-6.61%** to **+5.42%** (due to changes in mandated minimum contribution and changes in student enrollment percentage)



BUDGET:

Overall Decrease of **-426,534** or **-2.61%**

Decrease in 6 of 8 budget categories

Administration	-2.8%	-\$21,215
Instruction	-2.2%	-\$171,453
Other School Services	-3.7%	-\$78,215
Maintenance	-7.5%	-\$92,617
Fixed Costs	4.1%	\$112,666
Capital Costs	-60.1%	-\$135,837
Long Term Debt	-8.7%	-\$65,432
Programs/ Other Schools	3.4%	\$25,569

Revenue Issues

State Revenue Issues:

Loss of Mitigation Funding (-\$630,000)

Failure of Governor's Budget to Address:

- Chapter 70 Foundation Review Recommendations
- Increase in costs of Regional Transportation
- Promise of 100% Regional Transportation Reimbursement

Action - 85% Regional Transportation Reimbursement would negate increase in town assessments!

Total Revenue:

Revenue overall is down by -\$616,205 with Governor's Budget

District could use additional funds to decrease assessments but that would lead to a doubled impact during the next fiscal year, i.e., using an additional \$100,000 from one-time funds without cutting costs would yield the same cost next year plus the lack of funding, thus to have no assessment increase for that item would cost \$200,000.

Need to Increase Overall Revenue

Major Changes FY'16 to FY'17

Student Changes:

Grade Reconfiguration

- Elementary PreK-5
- Middle School 6-8
- High School 9-12

Change in operating hours at night - all activities will need to end by 9 p.m. rather than 10 p.m.

Increased difficulty in scheduling

Operational Changes:

Reduction in administrative staffing (1.2 positions eliminated and a total of **-\$330,000** in past ten years)

Change in administrative responsibilities (distributing duties from eliminated positions to remaining positions); building principals (Prek-5 elementary; middle/high schools)

Changes due to different operating hours at night (some sports, meetings, adult education)

LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS

MINIMUM CONTRIBUTIONS											
		FY '10	FY '11	FY '12	FY '13	FY '14	FY '15	FY '16	FY '17	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FY 17 & FY16	
BLANDFORD		\$946,252	\$965,446	\$972,503	\$1,018,968	\$1,028,091	\$1,029,849	\$1,107,243	\$1,073,397	(\$33,846)	-3.06%
CHESTER		\$823,839	\$819,609	\$826,700	\$828,080	\$829,031	\$812,004	\$830,684	\$845,365	\$14,681	1.77%
HUNTINGTON		\$1,267,651	\$1,276,674	\$1,273,401	\$1,266,836	\$1,314,274	\$1,377,654	\$1,484,445	\$1,499,552	\$15,107	1.02%
MIDDLEFIELD		\$335,865	\$340,089	\$341,755	\$349,274	\$350,627	\$350,223	\$353,575	\$343,868	(\$9,707)	-2.75%
MONTGOMERY		\$624,205	\$648,218	\$669,186	\$713,561	\$738,528	\$759,036	\$713,926	\$655,602	(\$58,324)	-8.17%
RUSSELL		\$882,296	\$920,365	\$943,570	\$984,771	\$1,010,495	\$1,051,937	\$1,076,505	\$1,072,954	(\$3,551)	-0.33%
TOTAL		\$4,880,108	\$4,970,401	\$5,027,115	\$5,161,490	\$5,271,046	\$5,380,703	\$5,566,378	\$5,490,738	(\$75,640)	-1.36%
ABOVE MINIMUM CONTRIBUTIONS											
	% FY17	FY '10	FY '11	FY '12	FY '13	FY '14	FY '15	FY '16	FY '17		
BLANDFORD	0.14518	\$288,058	\$265,570	\$240,094	\$138,381	\$157,783	\$206,750	\$197,944	\$280,759	\$82,815	41.84%
CHESTER	0.18093	\$361,773	\$319,312	\$299,364	\$170,456	\$210,364	\$251,049	\$252,455	\$349,895	\$97,440	38.60%
HUNTINGTON	0.27736	\$533,217	\$464,758	\$446,762	\$256,607	\$315,553	\$403,166	\$368,640	\$536,379	\$167,739	45.50%
MIDDLEFIELD	0.04767	\$114,881	\$112,244	\$88,145	\$45,818	\$67,454	\$70,891	\$55,938	\$92,188	\$36,250	64.80%
MONTGOMERY	0.07909	\$183,463	\$169,146	\$167,155	\$91,646	\$110,907	\$140,302	\$120,483	\$152,950	\$32,467	26.95%
RUSSELL	0.26977	\$452,659	\$418,915	\$401,176	\$241,028	\$305,270	\$426,797	\$377,247	\$521,700	\$144,453	38.20%
TOTAL	1.00000	\$1,934,051	\$1,749,945	\$1,642,696	\$943,936	\$1,167,331	\$1,498,955	\$1,372,707	\$1,933,871	\$561,164	40.88%
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NON-FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS											
	% FY17	FY '10	FY '11	FY '12	FY '13	FY '14	FY '15	FY '16	FY '17		
BLANDFORD	0.14518	\$256,713	\$249,583	\$234,242	\$332,945	\$276,445	\$247,505	\$297,832	\$256,904	(\$40,928)	-13.74%
CHESTER	0.18093	\$322,407	\$300,089	\$292,069	\$410,116	\$368,571	\$300,536	\$379,850	\$320,166	(\$59,684)	-15.71%
HUNTINGTON	0.27736	\$475,196	\$436,778	\$435,875	\$617,395	\$552,868	\$482,638	\$554,666	\$490,804	(\$63,862)	-11.51%
MIDDLEFIELD	0.04767	\$102,381	\$105,487	\$85,997	\$110,238	\$118,185	\$84,866	\$84,165	\$84,355	\$190	0.23%
MONTGOMERY	0.07909	\$163,500	\$158,964	\$163,081	\$220,500	\$194,316	\$167,958	\$181,281	\$139,954	(\$41,327)	-22.80%
RUSSELL	0.26977	\$403,404	\$393,697	\$391,399	\$579,913	\$534,851	\$510,927	\$567,616	\$477,374	(\$90,242)	-15.90%
TOTAL	1.00000	\$1,723,601	\$1,644,598	\$1,602,663	\$2,271,107	\$2,045,236	\$1,794,430	\$2,065,410	\$1,769,557	-\$295,853	-14.32%
	\$1,769,557										
TOTAL TOWNS											
		FY '10	FY '11	FY '12	FY '13	FY '14	FY '15	FY '16	FY '17		
BLANDFORD		\$1,491,023	\$1,480,599	\$1,446,839	\$1,490,294	\$1,462,319	\$1,484,104	\$1,603,019	\$1,611,060	\$8,041	0.50%
CHESTER		\$1,508,019	\$1,439,010	\$1,418,133	\$1,408,652	\$1,407,966	\$1,363,589	\$1,462,989	\$1,515,426	\$52,437	3.58%
HUNTINGTON		\$2,276,064	\$2,178,210	\$2,156,038	\$2,140,838	\$2,182,695	\$2,263,458	\$2,407,751	\$2,526,735	\$118,984	4.94%
MIDDLEFIELD		\$553,127	\$557,820	\$515,897	\$505,330	\$536,266	\$505,980	\$493,678	\$520,411	\$26,733	5.42%
MONTGOMERY		\$971,168	\$976,328	\$999,422	\$1,025,707	\$1,043,751	\$1,067,296	\$1,015,690	\$948,506	(\$67,184)	-6.61%
RUSSELL		\$1,738,359	\$1,732,977	\$1,736,145	\$1,805,712	\$1,850,616	\$1,989,661	\$2,021,368	\$2,072,028	\$50,660	2.51%
TOTAL		\$8,537,760	\$8,364,944	\$8,272,474	\$8,376,533	\$8,483,613	\$8,674,088	\$9,004,495	\$9,194,166	\$189,671	2.11%
WORTHINGTON		\$1,429,316	\$1,394,786	\$1,202,369	\$1,159,114	\$1,117,047	\$1,022,773				
		\$9,967,076	\$9,759,730	\$9,474,843	\$9,535,647	\$9,600,660	\$9,696,861				

Note: The percentage owed by each town is determined by the school population by town as of 3/1/16

Assessments are calculated pursuant to the statutory assessment method.

Questions and Next Steps

Next Steps:

- School Committee adopts budget for town ratification
- House Budget Numbers (hopefully before first town meeting - adjustments will be made in assessments if state revenue to district is expected to increase)
- Senate Budget Numbers and Town Meetings
- State budget adopted
 - If state revenue increases for Gateway and towns have not passed the budget, then the school committee must provide a 'new' budget.
 - If state revenue in Chapter 70 increases in state budget and towns have already passed the budget then town assessments must be reduced to account for increase in revenue

Questions regarding FY'17 Budget

Concerns