

Building/Program: COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

What key issues and priorities are you trying to address in your proposed budget? (Administrators identified the following four focus areas: maintain class sizes, equity among schools, increased student support, and increase bus fleet.)

The primary needs being met in the FY21 budget are continuing scalable and efficient growth in our Early Childhood Education, Recreation, and Adult Education & Enrichment operations. The current year brought a number of challenges, most notably in our Laugh & Learn program. We're now in the home stretch of the year and L&L has been a great success. In FY21 the program will see additional transition and change as we relocate our preschool and add new offerings at Pownal Elementary School. Adult Education & Enrichment will soon welcome a new Coordinator, who will be tasked with sustaining our growing Lifelong Learning programs and also improving our recruitment, persistence, and advising efforts for adult learners. Recreation will take another great step forward with a new track & field program for young athletes.

How do these priorities align with the district's four strategic objectives?

1. **All RSU5 students experience a joyful learning climate that is safe, nurturing, and fosters curiosity.** *We are placing a greater emphasis on recruiting and retaining highly-qualified staff to our Childhood Education programs. We are additionally moving our traditional summer camp back toward its roots as a more active, nature-focused program.*
2. **All RSU5 students regularly engage in meaningful student-centered learning.** *Our Childhood Education Coordinator is working closely with our L&L staff, particularly at our preschool, to offer student-centered, responsive care.*
3. **All RSU5 school-parent-community partnerships are based on strong communication and active involvement to support student success.** *We have established a Community Programs' Advisory Committee to extend our reach into the community, our six schools, and the three RSU5 towns. We continue to build partnerships with local non-profits with similar missions to our own.*
4. **RSU5 has well-developed and refined finance, facilities, transportation, and food service systems to support the learning of all students.** *N/A*

FY 2021 Projected Enrollment / Class Size Ratio by Grade

N/A

<p>Staffing Adjustments to Budget in FY 20 <i>N/A</i></p>	<p>Staffing Adjustments to Budget in FY 21 <i>New Adult Ed. Coord. hired at 40 hrs/wk Rec. Prog. Asst. moving from 17 to 30 hrs/wk</i></p>
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Other significant FY 21 requests in budget and need (Supplies, Equipment, etc).

Community Programs' annual budget request from the local share is solely for use in Adult Education (equivalency studies, ESOL, and college and vocational advising). The request for FY21 will remain flat from FY20. All other program expenses for Enrichment, Recreation, and Childhood Education (Laugh & Learn and Camp Seaside), along with salaries, is funded by registrant fees for our programs.