

Belmont Hill School Economic Impact in Belmont

As it has throughout its 98-year history, Belmont Hill School aspires to be a good neighbor and an active and concerned citizen of the Town of Belmont. We educate local youth and provide facilities for Belmont community recreation. Our faculty, staff and students volunteer their time and energy in various local programs. We open our facilities to community groups and individuals, and we support local philanthropy and local business.

Direct Economic Impact

- Each year the School offers its playing fields, gymnasiums, ice rink and meeting spaces **at no cost** to Belmont youth sports groups including:
 - Belmont Little League
 - Belmont Youth Football
 - Belmont Youth Lacrosse
 - Belmont High School Tennis
 - Belmont Youth Basketball
 - Belmont Youth Soccer

The fields and facilities provided for Belmont youth sports have a rental value of over \$50,000 each year.

Priority is given to these Belmont organizations during our annual facilities rental scheduling process.

- We provided Belmont High School with access to our athletic facilities during construction of the new high school playing fields at no cost to the Town of Belmont.
- The School purchases utilities from Belmont Municipal Light and the Town of Belmont Water Department averaging over \$500,000 annually.
- The School purchases over \$285,000 in goods and services annually from a number of local Belmont businesses.

- Over the years the School has provided meeting space and support **at no cost** to a number of Belmont community organizations including:

- Belmont Police
- Belmont Board of Health
- Foundation for Belmont Education
- Belmont League of Women's Voters
- Belmont Women's Club
- Sustainable Belmont
- Belmont Village Hill Association
- Belmont High School Golf Team
- Belmont Soccer Association
- Belmont/Arlington Crew

Space and support donated by the School has an annual value of approximately \$10,000.

- Each year the School pays the following fees to the Town of Belmont:
 - Police Department detail fees (typically over \$20,000)
 - Fire and Health Departments regulatory fees (over \$5,000)
 - Recreation Department ice and tennis court rental fees (over \$5,000)
 - Building Department fees (varies year by year depending on projects, but in excess of \$84,000 in 2019)

Secondary Benefits

- 44 Belmont residents are enrolled in the School for the 2021-22 school year. If these students were enrolled in the Belmont Public Schools, the annual cost to the Town would approximate \$609,000 (\$13,844 for each student per the Massachusetts Department of Education). This year the School has awarded students from Belmont over \$320,000 in financial aid grants.
- Each summer approximately 100 Belmont boys and girls enroll in our Summer School, and 200 Belmont boys and girls in our Summer Sport Camps programs -- a total of 300 Belmont youth. The School has offered Belmont residents a 15% “home town discount” for summer programs. These discounts, which directly benefit Belmont families, add up to over \$30,000 annually.
- Our neighbors are welcome to use our track and playing fields for themselves and their families. On Sundays during the winter we welcome neighbors for an “open skate” in our ice rink.
- Belmont Hill has partnered with the Butler School in a private school/public school mentoring program. A number of our students have visited the school throughout the year to mentor, coach and advise a 3rd grade class and to provide an introductory Robotics program to a 4th grade class.
- Our students have organized and lead a diversity and inclusion program for 2nd graders at the Winn Brook School.
- Through referrals from local churches, the Town social worker, and the Belmont Food Pantry, our students donate, box, and distribute food at Thanksgiving and Christmas to Belmont families.
- Belmont Hill students serve breakfast at the Town’s annual Veterans Day celebration and volunteer their time at the annual Belmont Light Department holiday charity drive
- By referral from the Belmont Council on Aging or Belmont clergy, our students volunteer at Waverly Oaks and Sherman Gardens and also assist elders in their homes with small chores and yard work.
- Our students work with Health Department social workers to assist in decreasing clutter and hoarding at the homes of Belmont residents.
- Belmont Hill seniors help to organize and host a Pan-Mass Challenge Belmont Kids Ride, which is open to area residents. Proceeds from the event (over \$18,000) are donated to Dana Farber for cancer research.
- Belmont Hill supports the Recreation Department’s SPORT program by offering soccer, ceramics and T-ball programs on our campus throughout the year.
- Belmont Hill School is one of the two designated community disaster triage sites for the Town of Belmont. The School has hosted community-wide disaster preparedness drills.
- Belmont Hill School has provided its facilities as a training site for the Belmont Health Department.
- Belmont Hill is a training site for the Medical Reserve Corps, Region 4B.