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FY25 Superintendent Final Recommended Budget



Budget Changes Due to Governor's Budget Release

- Since our last Budget Presentation on January 16th, the Governor's Budget was Released on January 24th. The Finance Committee met again on January 25th to review changes.
- Overall, Increase of \$16,787 in Chapter 70 State Aid.
 - Reallocation of Chapter 70 Funds to MTI Program \$27,508 due to Post Secondary Foundation Enrollment.
- Incorporated Final Minimum Required Contribution
 - Revised Numbers will change Preliminary Member Town Assessments from January 16th School Committee Meeting
- Decrease in Overall Total Member Town Assessments from 0.88% to 0.82%

Minuteman's Budget – Behind The Numbers

- Our Budget Priorities Reflect Our Values



School Wide Goals 2023 - 2024

1. Increase access to knowledge for all students through focusing on writing and literacy across the curriculum supported by Universal Design for Learning.
2. Support Minuteman staff in opportunities to collaborate on integration of and between academic and career technical education.
3. Continue to strengthen internal and external communication to support students, staff and families.

Overall Budget Summary

FY25 Operating & Capital Recommendation

\$31,517,219

3.96% above FY24

Budget Summary

FY25 Operating Recommendation = **\$24,160,849**
2.99% above FY24

FY25 Capital Recommendation = **\$1,660,508**
34.10% above FY24

FY25 Building Project Debt Recommendation = **\$5,695,863**
1.36% above FY24

Overall Budget Summary

FY25 Assessment to Member Towns

\$25,689,923

0.82% above FY24

FY25 Budget Drivers: Salary

- Collective Bargaining Agreement - 3.5% plus Steps and Lanes
- *Reduction of Assistant Director of CTE and Human Resources Position*
- Bring Back Grant Funded Positions cut during COVID
 - Library Aide, Health Tech Aide and Co-Op Coordinator
- Continued Funding of Foreign Language Teacher
- Athletic Trainer - Investment in Athletic Program
 - Support Training, Weightroom Management and MIAA Regulations

FY25 Budget Drivers: Non-Salary

- Continued Funding of Curriculum Development
- Transportation Increase - 5% CPI + Additional Day for 3:30PM Bus
- Utilities - Decrease Based on FY23 Actual Usage
- Health Insurance - Level Funded
 - Lower Than Anticipated FY24 Premiums
- Investment in Cybersecurity

FY25 Budget Drivers: Non-Salary

- Capital Stabilization - Funding \$850,000 = \$350,000 Increase from FY24
 - Projected Balance with FY25 Contribution: \$3,085,645
 - Building this Fund will position the District to maintain potential use of the campus and have funding prepared to mitigate future assessment increases.
- Debt Service - Athletic Field will not be Assessed to Member Towns
 - Offset will be funded from Facilities Revolving Account dependent on Rental Revenue Earned Each Year
- Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB)
 - Meets OPEB Study Committee Recommendation \$800,000 + \$40,000 (4 FTE's x \$10,000 Each)
 - Contribution \$315,000 = \$85,000 Increase from FY24
 - Plus Active Retiree Health Insurance \$525,000

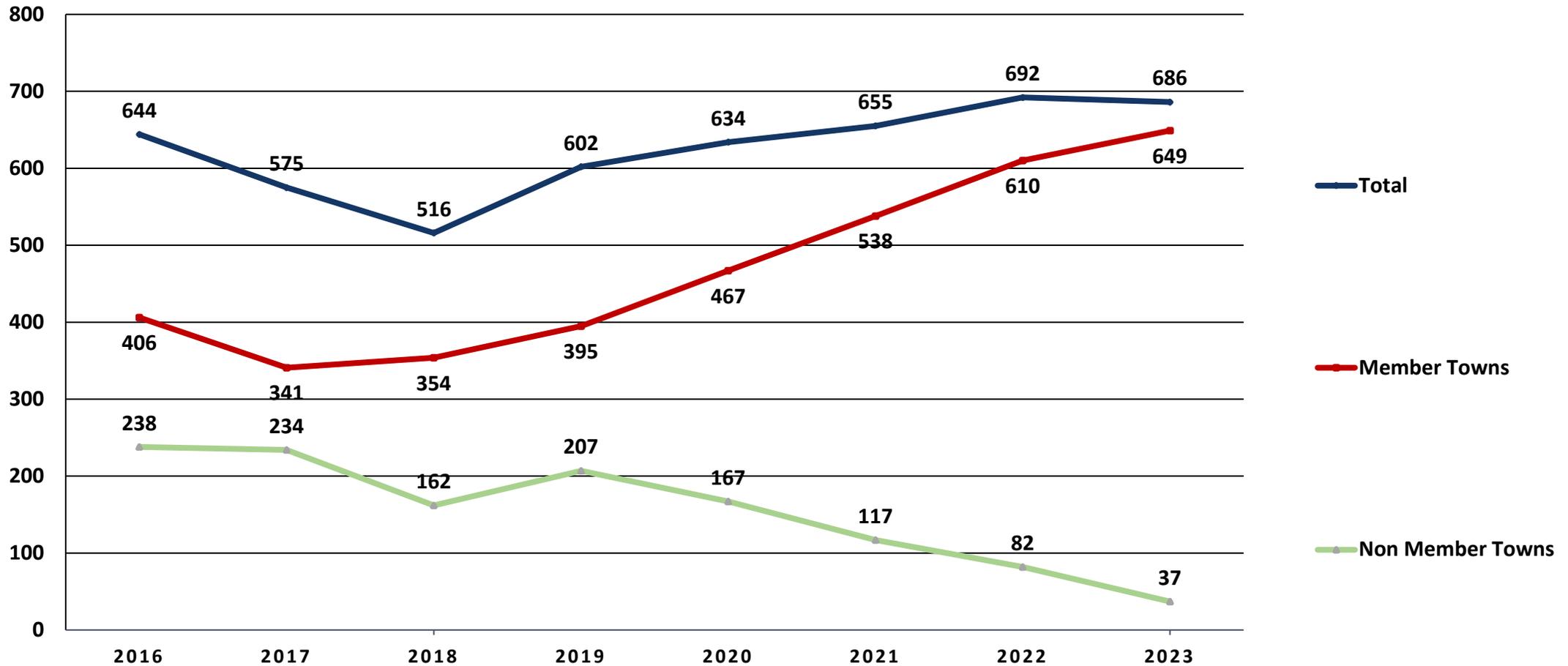
OPEB: Current Balance and Funding Strategy

Unfunded Liability as of 6/30/2023: \$23,685,851

Current OPEB Trust Balance as of 12/31/2023: \$869,012

- Long Term Funding Plan for OPEB (including Active Retiree Health Insurance and Contribution):
 - FY23: \$725,000
 - FY24: \$762,000
 - *FY25: \$800,000*
 - FY26: \$1,155,000
 - FY27: \$1,215,000
 - FY28: \$1,275,000
- The OPEB Study Committee Funding Strategy:
 - Increases 5% Each Year
 - Additional \$300,000 Contribution Increase in FY26
 - *Funding increase offset by retirement of ESCO Lease in FY25 (Est. \$425,000/year)*

Overall Enrollment as of October 1



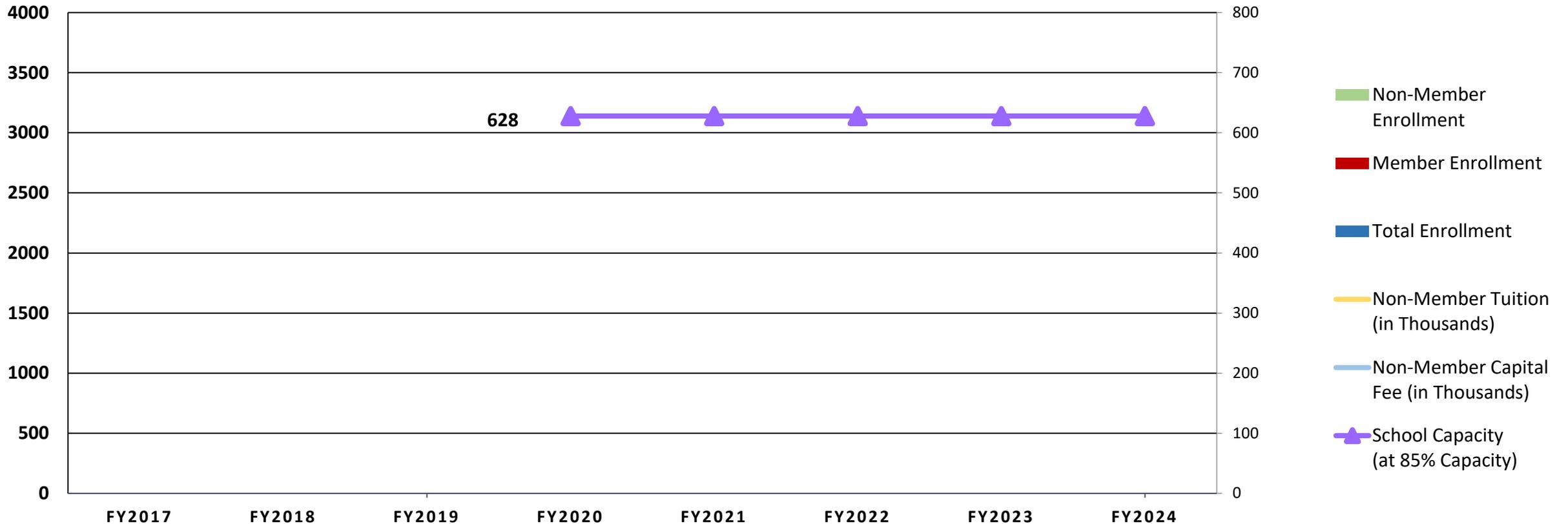
Enrollment by Town as of October 1

	2027	2026	2025	2024	Subtotal
Acton	26	17	27	24	94
Arlington	45	61	60	49	215
Bolton	8	9	13	6	36
Concord	13	16	6	6	41
Dover	0	1	2	2	5
Lancaster	16	13	14	15	58
Lexington	27	23	15	17	82
Needham	17	11	10	8	46
Stow	22	16	19	15	72
Member City/Town	174	167	166	142	649
Declarants	0	1	2	9	12
Other Non-Member	0	1	12	13	25
TOTAL STUDENTS	174	169	180	164	686

Shift in Enrollment

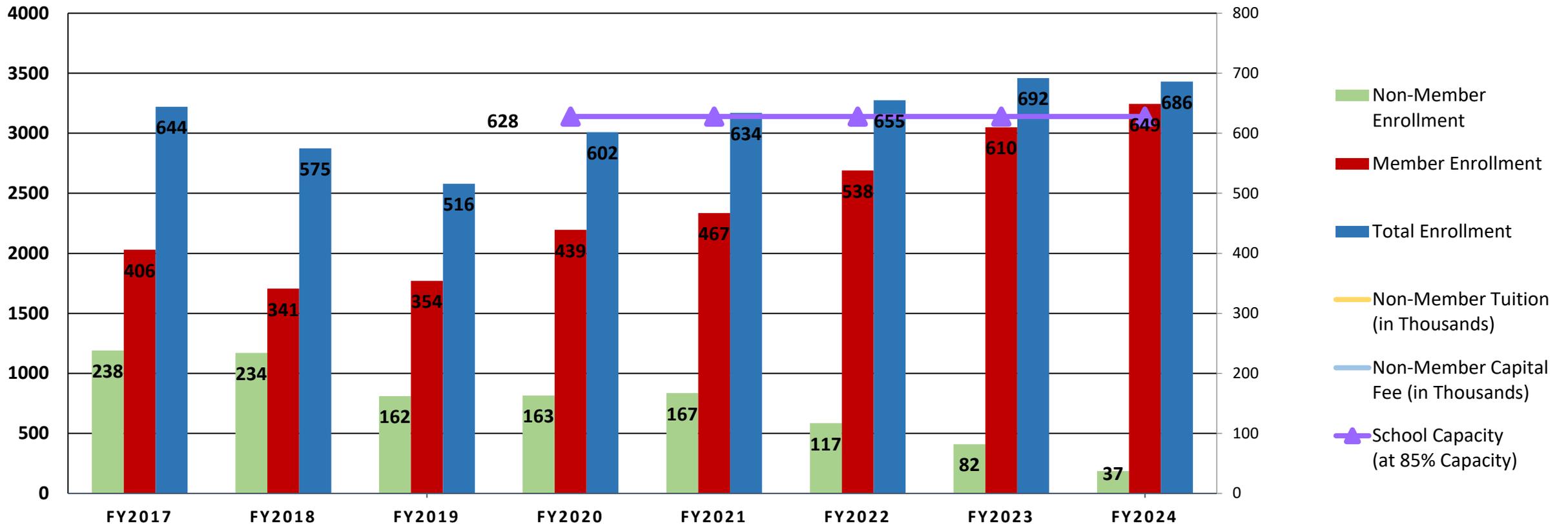
- Enrollment is Shifting to In-District
- Out of District Enrollment is Decreasing
 - Out of District Tuition Revenue is Decreasing
 - Out of District Capital Fee Revenue is Decreasing
- **If this trend continues, this will result in an increase in Overall Assessments to Member Towns in FY2026 and FY2027**

Non-Member Tuition & Capital Fee Reduction and Increasing Member Enrollment



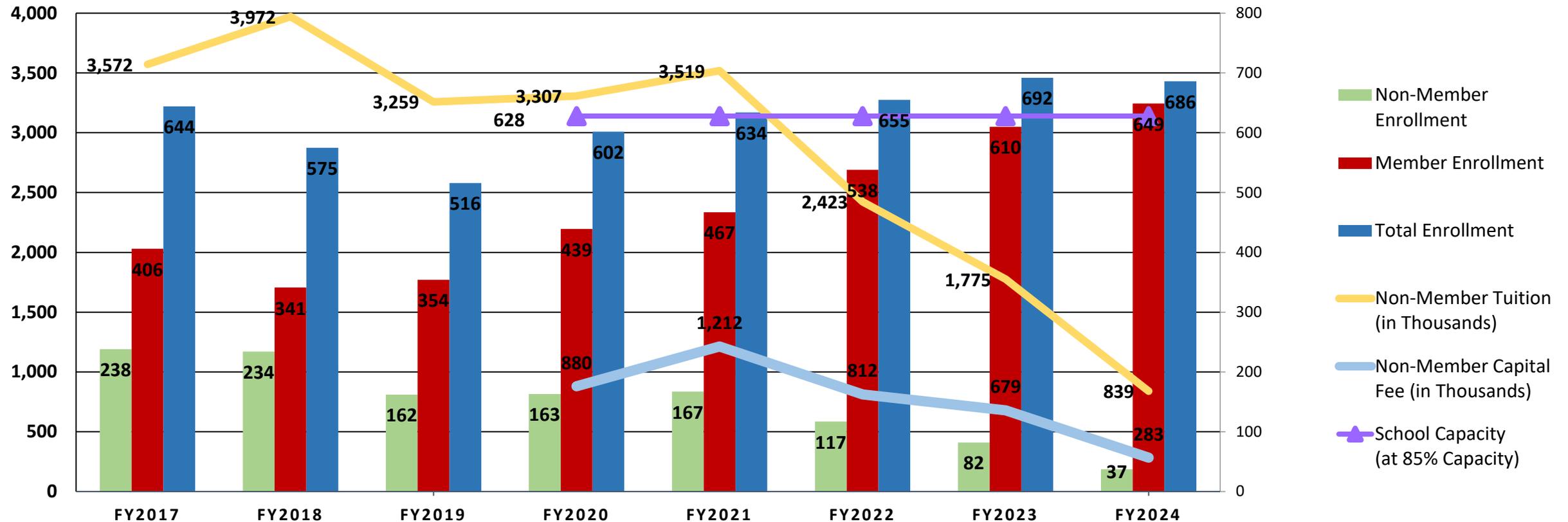
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FY2025 Preliminary Assessments

Member Town	FY25 Preliminary Assessment	FY24 Preliminary Assessment	% Change	FY25 4 Year Rolling Average Enrollment	FY24 4 Year Rolling Average Enrollment	% Change
Acton	\$3,600,903	\$3,284,798	9.62%	78.75	65	21.2%
Arlington	\$8,562,229	\$8,932,916	-4.15%	199.25	181	10.1%
Bolton	\$1,325,147	\$1,199,459	10.48%	27.00	20.75	30.1%
Concord	\$1,732,805	\$1,641,695	5.55%	33.75	29.75	13.4%
Dover	\$269,420	\$248,626	8.36%	4.00	3.5	14.3%
Lancaster	\$2,138,738	\$2,379,621	-10.12%	55.25	54.5	1.4%
Lexington	\$3,406,394	\$3,501,977	-2.73%	74.75	69.5	7.6%
Needham	\$1,823,777	\$1,640,461	11.17%	35.75	29.75	20.2%
Stow	\$2,754,051	\$2,574,523	6.97%	59.25	50.25	17.9%
Total	\$25,689,923	\$25,481,911	0.82%	567.75	504	12.6%

Other Future Assessment Impacts

FY25 Member Town Assessment Increase Lower than Typical Due To:

- Adjustment in Chapter 70 State Aid year over year. Moving forward, our budgets will reflect more consistency in State Aid.
- Declining Out of District Tuition and Capital Fee Revenue. This will increase Member Town Assessments over the next 3 years.
- First year implementation of Athletic Field Debt Service. This has decreased FY25 Member Town Assessments. This will be a consistent annual contribution to offset member assessments in the future.

FY26 and FY27 Budget Considerations

Tuition and Incremental Special Education Fee

- FY25 Assessment Offset- \$838,874 (Revenue for 37 Students: Being Collected in FY24)
- FY26 Assessment Offset- \$378,058 (Revenue for 16 Students: To Be Collected in FY25)
- FY27 Assessment Offset- \$53,392 (Revenue for 2 Students: To Be Collected in FY26)

Out of District Capital Fee

- FY25 Assessment Offset- \$282,904 (Revenue for 37 Students: Being Collected in FY24)
- FY26 Assessment Offset- \$110,305 (Revenue for 16 Students: To Be Collected in FY25)
- FY27 Assessment Offset- \$14,569 (Revenue for 2 Students: To Be Collected in FY26)

FY25 Operating and Capital

Budget	FY25	FY24	Difference	% Change
Operating Budget	24,160,849	23,458,597	702,252	2.99%
Capital Equipment/Leases/Athletic Fields (2)	1,660,508	1,238,240	422,268	34.10%
Subtotal	25,821,357	24,696,837	1,124,520	4.55%
Building Project - Debt Service (1)	5,695,863	5,619,488	76,375	1.36%
Total Operating & Capital Budget	31,517,219	30,316,325	1,200,894	3.96%

(1) A debt exclusion override was voted on this debt in the following towns: Acton, Arlington, Bolton, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, and Stow.

(2) Annual ESCO Lease assessments include the proportionate share due from the 6 towns that withdrew from the district effective July 1, 2017, and Belmont withdrawal effective July 1, 2020. This also includes the payment on a 20 year note for the Athletic Fields.

FY25 Non-Assessment Revenue

Non-Assessment Revenue	FY25	FY24	Difference	% Change
Chapter 70 Aid	2,998,383	2,197,552	800,831	36.44%
Chapter 71 Reg. Transportation Reimb.	969,305	807,615	161,690	20.02%
Prior Year Tuition	818,824	805,817	13,007	1.61%
Excess and Deficiency Fund	650,000	650,000	-	0.00%
Prior Year Nonresident Capital Fee	277,084	373,430	-96,346	-25.80%
Facilities Rental Revolving Revenue	<u>113,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,700</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Non-Assessment Revenue	5,827,296	4,834,414	992,882	20.54%
Required Member Town Assessments	25,689,923	25,481,911	208,012	0.82%

Assessment Components

Assessment Allocation by Category	FY25	FY24	Difference	% Change
Minimum Required Contribution	10,709,440	9,820,826	888,614	9.05%
Transportation Budget	645,695	577,385	68,310	11.83%
ESCO Lease Assessment	582,808	566,290	16,518	2.92%
Capital Equipment/Leases/Athletic Fields	964,000	671,950	292,050	43.46%
Assessments over Minimum Contribution	7,369,202	8,599,402	-1,230,200	-14.31%
Building Project - Debt Assessment	<u>5,418,779</u>	<u>5,246,058</u>	<u>172,720</u>	<u>3.29%</u>
Total Assessments	25,689,923	25,481,911	208,012	0.82%



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Thank you!
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