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It's what we do for the next generation.*

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March 2025

Dear Municipal Partners,

After serving as your regional vocational superintendent for nearly thirty-two years, I convey profound appreciation for your collaboration and support during our annual budgetary process. Few school districts enjoy the professional benefit of the mutual respect, flexibility, and reasonable accountability exchanges which we have shared over decades.

Reviewers should be aware that our budget construction process transcends over six months commencing during October 2024 with a public hearing on March 13, 2025. As you review the FY26 budget put forth within the following document, you will observe the traditional proactive financial blueprint you have come to expect. Among the cost effective steps negotiated and secured, we confirmed a 4% increase in employee health insurance benefits inclusive of increased coverage yet are able to hold operational costs at last year's level for that category.

Consistent with our long term aggressive pursuit of grant funding, we secured additional resources at a rate of some \$2,400 in non local tax payer funding for each of our students. This allowed us to add multiple capital items without seeking capital funds from you.

Buoyed by the unanimous endorsement by our member communities of our Massachusetts School Building Authority accelerated repair (state reimbursable) project, we shall now launch new adult training programs at our facility. More specifically, the District will file an application under the Commonwealth's Career Technical Initiative adult program to establish new after school opportunities for HVAC, electrical, manufacturing, and plumbing workers.

As you analyze your community's new assessment, we encourage you to recognize that the Commonwealth's educational funding formula places focused weight on each town's 2022 property valuation and 2021 reported income levels in setting contribution requirements. These factors and municipal growth indexes drive the current formula more than enrollment fluctuations.

Our FY26 budget plan incorporates multiple revenue streams which enable us to favorably impact local assessments. Those measures include a predicted 80% reimbursement of regional student transportation and a modest increase in base Chapter 70 aid. The District shall apply another \$200,000 in now confirmed pension obligation relief to reduce additional assessments.

Lastly, to lessen the impact of the Commonwealth's tendency to transfer educational funding to local communities, BVT will apply \$250,000 of its Department of Revenue certified excess and deficiency reserves to reduce assessments. As I retire, I leave you a system which has earned national recognition for excellence. I encourage you to continue to invest in it.

Professionally,



Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick  
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**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Upton, Massachusetts

**GENERAL FUND FY 2026**

**SUMMARY OF REVENUES, ASSESSMENTS AND EXPENSES**

	<b>2023-2024 Budgeted</b>	<b>2024-2025 Budgeted</b>	<b>2025-2026 Proposed</b>	<b>Change From Prior Year</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Revenues: State Aid/Other</b>					
CH 70, School Aid (adjusted for PN allocation)	9,194,104	9,240,096	9,418,399	178,303	1.93%
CH 71, Regional Transportation	1,432,650	1,638,769	1,773,053	134,284	
Fee Revenue	60,000	60,000	65,000	5,000	
Investment Income	33,000	55,000	130,000	75,000	
Unreserved Fund Balance*	100,000	100,000	250,000	150,000	
Pension Relief*	-	-	200,000	200,000	
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	60,000	60,000	80,000	20,000	
Other Funding Source (excess PY Ch71)	60,000	340,000	-	(340,000)	
Sub-Total State Aid/Other Revenues	<b>10,939,754</b>	<b>11,493,865</b>	<b>11,916,452</b>	<b>422,587</b>	<b>3.68%</b>
<b>Revenues: Member Assessments</b>					
Transportation (Cost over State Aid)	892,013	799,034	795,872	(3,162)	
Capital Equipment	83,450	-	122,500	122,500	
Retiree Medical	1,119,664	1,349,819	1,724,844	375,025	
Minimum Contribution	14,213,597	15,285,237	15,870,390	585,153	3.83%
Additional Revenue (Offset)/Assess	1,683,330	1,163,583	1,795,579	631,996	
Sub-Total Non-Debt Assessments	<b>17,992,054</b>	<b>18,597,673</b>	<b>20,309,185</b>	<b>1,711,512</b>	
Debt (Expansion/Renovation)	392,050	375,950	-	(375,950)	
Total Member Assessment	<b>18,384,104</b>	<b>18,973,623</b>	<b>20,309,185</b>	<b>1,335,562</b>	<b>7.04%</b>
<b>Total All Revenues</b>	<b>29,323,858</b>	<b>30,467,488</b>	<b>32,225,637</b>	<b>1,758,149</b>	<b>5.77%</b>
	-	-	-		
<b>Expenses:</b>					
1000 Administration	1,419,098	1,403,834	1,441,488	37,654	
2000 Instruction	15,986,271	16,520,776	17,487,207	966,431	
3000 Other School Services	3,784,198	3,945,765	4,138,371	192,606	
4000 Facility/Building Operations	2,433,004	2,512,278	2,748,604	236,326	
5000 Fixed Charges	5,205,787	5,698,885	6,263,467	564,582	
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	83,450	-	122,500	122,500	
Sub-Total Expenses	<b>28,911,808</b>	<b>30,081,538</b>	<b>32,201,637</b>	<b>2,120,099</b>	<b>7.05%</b>
8000 Debt (Bond Principal & Interest)	392,050	375,950	-	(375,950)	
8000 Debt (Short Term Interest)	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	
9000 School Choice Payments	15,000	5,000	19,000	14,000	
Sub-Total Expenses	<b>412,050</b>	<b>385,950</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>(361,950)</b>	<b>-93.78%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>29,323,858</b>	<b>30,467,488</b>	<b>32,225,637</b>	<b>1,758,149</b>	<b>5.77%</b>

# BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Upton, Massachusetts

## \*EXCESS & DEFICIENCY FUNDS

E&D funds are generated by maximizing federal, state and local grant opportunities, as well as aggressively pursuing donations through individual and business partnerships. Each revenue stream is examined for its synchronous relationship with the District's ambitious college and career mission, which closely aligns with the Governor's education and workforce development initiatives. Additionally, the District realizes cost savings through investments in utility efficiencies, identifying and securing rebates, sound purchasing practices, and by providing technical services via on-campus trade specialists and students. Each identified source provides savings that directly contribute to E&D and reflect the District's commitment to fiscal austerity.

As shown on page A-1, the District applied \$250,000 of available reserve funds to reduce the assessment impact to its municipal partners, in addition to \$200,000 from pension relief funds. Additionally, within its FY26 financial planning, the District expects to self-fund several potential activities that could not be supported within the identified revenues, or which fall into such categories as unanticipated fiscal obligations, emergencies, new state mandates, capital grant matching requirements, facility/campus renovations, and capital equipment. The FY26 fiscal scenario coupled with sudden changes at the federal level necessitate the potential use of E&D funds to substitute and/or subsidize predicted revenue shortfalls. Therefore, and with full disclosure, the District alerts local stakeholders of (potential) FY26 utilization of up to \$700,000 of Department of Revenue Certified E&D funds.

Many necessary operational and capital expenditures were intentionally excluded from the FY26 budget, pending feasibility review and final determination of absolute necessity. These items include, but are not limited to, capital repairs, capital equipment/technology upgrades, academic and vocational classroom/workroom updates, and enhancements to building security. The District prioritizes and schedules each project upon successful identification of funding streams, including E&D, grant funds, and other targeted donations. Identified funding streams complement operational and capital budgets proposed to our member communities. In keeping with prudent fiscal management, diligent efforts to replenish E&D funds ensure the best opportunity to fund critical, one-time expenditures.

For general stakeholder awareness, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue closely monitors and annually certifies E&D funds to ensure compliance with the five percent operational budget threshold. In all cases, the Regional School Committee shall vote, in open session, on the use of E&D funds for strategically targeted items. If any citizen has concern with this spending plan, the district invites you to share your comments and related rationales via [mfitzpat@valleytech.k12.ma.us](mailto:mfitzpat@valleytech.k12.ma.us).

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Upton, Massachusetts

*COMBINED ASSESSMENTS FOR FY 2026 BY TOWN*

<i>Town</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Operation Ratio</i> ¥	<i>Minimum Contribution</i>	<i>Transportation Capital Equip Retiree Med</i> Δ	<i>Additional Assessment</i>	<i>Debt</i> *	<i>FY 2026 ASSESSMENT</i>
Bellingham	76	0.06046	\$ 1,063,168	\$ 159,811	\$ 108,563	\$ -	\$ 1,331,542
Blackstone	64	0.05092	\$ 641,851	\$ 134,579	\$ 91,422	\$ -	\$ 867,852
Douglas	125	0.09944	\$ 1,637,245	\$ 262,850	\$ 178,558	\$ -	\$ 2,078,653
Grafton	94	0.07478	\$ 1,323,668	\$ 197,663	\$ 134,275	\$ -	\$ 1,655,606
Hopedale	70	0.05569	\$ 810,877	\$ 147,196	\$ 99,992	\$ -	\$ 1,058,065
Mendon	75	0.05967	\$ 1,242,726	\$ 157,710	\$ 107,135	\$ -	\$ 1,507,571
Milford	197	0.15672	\$ 1,458,247	\$ 414,253	\$ 281,408	\$ -	\$ 2,153,908
Millbury	93	0.07399	\$ 1,208,269	\$ 195,560	\$ 132,848	\$ -	\$ 1,536,677
Millville	20	0.01591	\$ 193,032	\$ 42,056	\$ 28,569	\$ -	\$ 263,657
Northbridge	156	0.12411	\$ 1,750,432	\$ 328,037	\$ 222,840	\$ -	\$ 2,301,309
Sutton	79	0.06285	\$ 1,309,005	\$ 166,121	\$ 112,849	\$ -	\$ 1,587,975
Upton	88	0.07001	\$ 1,415,868	\$ 185,046	\$ 125,705	\$ -	\$ 1,726,619
Uxbridge	120	0.09547	\$ 1,816,002	\$ 252,334	\$ 171,415	\$ -	\$ 2,239,751
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>1.00000</b>	<b>\$ 15,870,390</b>	<b>\$ 2,643,216</b>	<b>\$ 1,795,579</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 20,309,185</b>

¥ **Definition of Operation Ratio:** Apportionment of operating costs is per Section IV, paragraph E of the District agreement: "town's pupil enrollment in the...school on October 1 of the year preceding the year for which the apportionment is determined bears to the total pupil enrollment from all member towns of the district on the same date."

Δ Represents cost functions that are **not** included in the development of the Foundation Budget.

\* **Definition of Debt:** Apportionment of debt costs is per Section IV, paragraph D(2) of the district agreement: "...shall be determined by computing the ratio which the sum of its pupil enrollments in the...school on October 1 of the three years next preceding the year in which the Committee votes to authorize the incurring of capital costs bears to the sum of the pupil enrollments of all the member towns in the... school on October 1 of the same three years... the ratio shall not be changed during the period..the obligations are outstanding..."

**Total expenditures reflect an increase of 5.77%**

Total member assessments sustained a 7.04% increase over prior year which is driven by a 3.83% escalation in state mandated minimum contributions. Of the 5.77% expenditure increase, 88% is attributed to wages, insurance, transportation, utilities, and pension obligations. The District works diligently to cultivate external partnerships, revenue sources and operational efficiencies that maintain facilities, enhance curriculum, and support college and career readiness.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
PRELIMINARY FIGURES**

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL**  
Upton, Massachusetts

**LONG-TERM BORROWING - BOND PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST  
PROJECT ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW**

***MSBA Project Pending  
(No Debt in FY 2026)***

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Upton, Massachusetts

**FY 2026 BUDGET EXPENSE SUMMARY BY FUNCTION**

Tie Out to A-1  
(Green Sheet)

Function	Salaries & Wages	FTE	Capital Equipment	Contracted Services	Supplies & Materials	Other	Technology	GRAND TOTALS
<b>Administration (1000)</b>								
District wide	1,221,055	13.63	-	30,604	6,750	108,289	74,790	\$ 1,441,488
Sub-Total Administration	1,221,055	13.63	-	30,604	6,750	108,289	74,790	\$ 1,441,488
<b>Instruction (2000)</b>								
Academic	5,353,246	53.00	-	92,210	150,600	93,039	-	\$ 5,689,095
Vocational	5,732,123	53.60	-	80,690	455,282	-	-	\$ 6,268,095
Instructional Supervision	2,036,512	18.00	-	29,459	10,036	21,190	-	\$ 2,097,197
Technology/Media Center	10,000	-	-	27,930	21,000	7,427	732,243	\$ 798,600
Special Education/Guidance	2,436,888	27.00	-	167,729	26,655	2,948	-	\$ 2,634,220
Sub-Total Instruction	15,568,769	151.60	-	398,018	663,573	124,604	732,243	\$ 17,487,207
<b>Other School Services (3000)</b>								
Pupil Transportation	-	-	-	2,375,965	-	193,960	-	\$ 2,569,925
Athletics	489,896	2.30	-	169,840	47,607	76,195	-	\$ 783,538
School Based Health Center	60,031	0.80	-	255,089	7,000	800	1,870	\$ 324,790
Student Body Activities	88,649	-	-	-	214,195	3,400	-	\$ 306,244
Student Body Security	88,544	2.00	-	60,000	1,800	2,870	660	\$ 153,874
Sub-Total Other Services	727,120	5.10	-	2,860,894	270,602	277,225	2,530	\$ 4,138,371
<b>Facility/Operation of Plant (4000)</b>								
Custodial Services	399,661	7.00	-	-	68,100	-	-	\$ 467,761
Maintenance	596,247	7.50	-	191,124	138,490	5,435	4,200	\$ 935,496
Utilities/Tech Maintenance	410,787	5.00	-	116,805	693,618	14,286	109,851	\$ 1,345,347
Sub-Total Facility	1,406,695	19.50	-	307,929	900,208	19,721	114,051	\$ 2,748,604
<b>Fixed Charges (5000)</b>								
Insurance-Health/Life/Other	-	-	-	-	-	5,566,178	-	\$ 5,566,178
Insurance-Property/Casualty/Other	-	-	-	296,517	-	400,772	-	\$ 697,289
Sub-Total Fixed Charges	-	-	-	296,517	-	5,966,950	-	\$ 6,263,467
<b>Fixed Assets (7000)</b>								
Capital Equipment Purchases	-	-	122,500	-	-	-	-	\$ 122,500
Sub-Total Fixed Assets	-	-	122,500	-	-	-	-	\$ 122,500
<b>Debt Service (8000)</b>								
Bond Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Bond Interest	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	\$ 5,000
RAN Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Sub-Total Debt	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	\$ 5,000
<b>School Choice / Transfers (9000)</b>								
School Choice	-	-	-	-	-	19,000	-	\$ 19,000
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Sub-Total Choice/Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	19,000	-	\$ 19,000
<b>TOTAL BY FUNCTION</b>	<b>\$ 18,923,639</b>	<b>189.83</b>	<b>\$ 122,500</b>	<b>\$ 3,893,962</b>	<b>\$ 1,841,133</b>	<b>\$ 6,520,789</b>	<b>\$ 923,614</b>	<b>\$ 32,225,637</b>

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Upton, Massachusetts

**FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET - ADMINISTRATION FUNCTION (1000)**

School Committee Function 1110	Percentage of Admin. Total: 7.1%	FY2023-2024 Actual	FY2024-2025 Approved Budget	FY2025-2026 Requested	Variance from FY25 Budget	% Decrease or Increase
Salaries & Wages		22,137	22,836	23,695	859	
Full-Time Employees		0.33	0.33	0.33	-	
Contracted Services		3,018	3,215	3,491	276	
Supplies & Materials		1,038	1,000	1,000	-	
Other Fixed Costs		43,051	44,209	44,906	697	
Other Variable Costs		27,067	29,130	29,274	144	
<b>School Committee Total</b>		\$ 96,311	\$ 100,390	\$ 102,366	\$ 1,976	1.97%

**Notes:** Contracted Services include access to the financial management system for the treasurer, bulk mail permit and other outreach related fees. Supplies & Materials are the consumable items used for day to day operations. Other Fixed Costs include the required annual audit and legal notice advertisements. Other Variable Costs include professional organization dues, travel expenses, information dissemination and School Committee conferences. The fluctuations on each line reflect historical trends and anticipated needs.

Superintendent's Office Function 1210	Percentage of Admin. Total: 20.1%	FY2023-2024 Actual	FY2024-2025 Approved Budget	FY2025-2026 Requested	Variance from FY25 Budget	% Decrease or Increase
Salaries & Wages		255,887	269,806	269,695	(111)	
Full-Time Employees		2.5	2.5	2.5	-	
Contracted Services		3,418	4,000	6,659	2,659	
Supplies & Materials		1,726	2,000	2,000	-	
Other Fixed Costs		1,415	1,500	2,035	535	
Other Variable Costs		6,211	8,750	8,750	-	
Technology		-	-	-	-	
<b>Superintendent's Office Total</b>		\$ 268,657	\$ 286,056	\$ 289,139	\$ 3,083	1.08%

**Notes:** The decrease in Salaries & Wages reflects the impact of staff transitions. Contracted Services cover copier/printer lease and maintenance agreements. The change in contracted services is attributed to a new lease for the replacement of an obsolete Multi-Function Printer (MFP). Supplies & Materials are the consumable items used in the day to day operations of the office. Other Fixed and Variable Costs include professional organization dues, travel expenses, conferences and other miscellaneous costs. Technology includes software and other online subscription services.

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET - ADMINISTRATION FUNCTION (1000)**

<b>Business Office, H.R. &amp; District-Wide Admin Svcs Functions 1400's, 1230</b>	<b>Percentage of Admin. Total: 72.8%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Salaries & Wages		888,710	897,755	927,665	29,910	
Full-Time Employees		10.80	10.80	10.80	-	
Contracted Services		14,492	21,911	20,454	(1,457)	
Supplies & Materials		2,382	3,750	3,750	-	
Other Fixed Costs		8,299	12,000	12,000	-	
Other Variable Costs		7,290	11,304	11,324	20	
Technology		67,062	70,668	74,790	4,122	
<b>Business Office, H.R. &amp; District-Wide Info. Total</b>		\$ 988,235	\$ 1,017,388	\$ 1,049,983	\$ 32,595	3.20%

**Notes:** Contracted Services include legal counsel fees, copier lease/maintenance agreements, and the GASB 74/75 OPEB Biennial Valuation scheduled for FY26 (a mid-year cycle review will be scheduled for FY27). Supplies & Materials are the consumable items and equipment required to support the day to day operations of the office. Other Fixed Costs include district wide postage. Other Variable Costs include conferences & workshops, related travel expenses, and professional organization dues. The fluctuations on each line reflect historical trends and anticipated needs.

Technology includes maintenance and support for the district's primary financial management system, the cash receipts software which integrates into the student activity accounting module, and the student information system (PowerSchool). It also includes replacement computers and other contract services for peripherals as needed. The increase is attributed to annual maintenance and renewal costs associated with the financial management system, as well as the student information system.

<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>		\$ 1,353,203	\$ 1,403,834	\$ 1,441,488	\$ 37,654	2.68%
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**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Upton, Massachusetts

**FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET - INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION (2000)**

Academics	Percentage of Instr. Total: 32.5%	FY2023-2024 Actual	FY2024-2025 Approved Budget	FY2025-2026 Requested	Variance from FY25 Budget	% Decrease or Increase
Salaries & Wages		4,813,676	5,066,389	5,353,246	286,857	
Full-Time Employees		53.00	53.00	53.00	-	
Contracted Services		86,392	91,585	92,210	625	
Supplies & Materials		169,626	114,260	150,600	36,340	
Other Variable Costs		65,539	92,500	93,039	539	
<b>Academics Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,135,233</b>	<b>\$ 5,364,734</b>	<b>\$ 5,689,095</b>	<b>\$ 324,361</b>	<b>6.05%</b>

**Notes:** This area covers Academic related instruction. Contracted Services includes copier lease/maintenance agreements, presenters for in-house professional development and translation services. Supplies & Materials (which include textbooks) are consumable items that are required to deliver daily classroom instruction. Other Variable Costs cover conference registration, affiliated travel, and course reimbursements. The increases in both Supplies & Materials and Other Variable Costs reflect historical trends and anticipated needs, along with an initiative to fund one time costs from other sources (donations, grants, and special revenue funds).

Vocational	Percentage of Instr. Total: 35.8%	FY2023-2024 Actual	FY2024-2025 Approved Budget	FY2025-2026 Requested	Variance from FY25 Budget	% Decrease or Increase
Salaries & Wages		5,187,856	5,482,253	5,732,123	249,870	
Full-Time Employees		55.00	55.00	53.60	(1.40)	
Equipment (Less than 5K)		11,586	-	-	-	
Contracted Services		21,798	69,580	80,690	11,110	
Supplies & Materials		453,502	443,168	455,282	12,114	
<b>Vocational Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,674,742</b>	<b>\$ 5,995,001</b>	<b>\$ 6,268,095</b>	<b>\$ 273,094</b>	<b>4.56%</b>

**Notes:** This area covers Vocational related instruction. Salaries & Wages reflects a decrease of 1.4 FTE [Full Time Equivalency] for the reduction of one teacher (based on enrollment) and an accommodation to reduce one teachers' work hours. Equipment (new or replacement) allows targeted programs to keep pace with industry standards. Equipment needs are supplemented by various grants and the aggressive pursuit of other external funding sources (such as Perkins, MA Skills Capital, PLTW, donations and special revenue funds). In FY26 all Equipment needs will be funded from other funding sources. Contracted Services cover any outside costs to maintain or repair aging equipment. The increase reflects maintenance required on an annual basis to enhance safety measures, in large part to maintain simulators in various shops. Supplies & Materials are consumable items required to deliver shop related instruction on a daily basis (i.e. textbooks, testing materials, freshmen exploratory materials etc.), which are related to skill development and occupational certifications. The increase in Supplies & Materials reflects historical trends and anticipated needs.

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Upton, Massachusetts

**FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET - INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION (2000)**

<b>Instructional Supervision</b> Functions 2110,2210,6200	<b>Percentage of Instr. Total:</b> 12.0%	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Salaries & Wages		1,748,629	1,852,403	2,036,512	184,109	
Full-Time Employees		17.00	17.00	18.00	1.00	
Contracted Services		28,821	22,555	29,459	6,904	
Supplies & Materials		6,241	10,036	10,036	-	
Other Variable Costs		21,326	19,352	21,190	1,838	
<b>Instruction Supervision Total</b>		\$ 1,805,017	\$ 1,904,346	\$ 2,097,197	\$ 192,851	10.13%

**Notes:** This area includes expenses associated with district-wide leadership as it pertains to the delivery of student instructional programs. For EOY reporting purposes the District may reclassify certain instructional/curriculum positions within this cluster. Salaries & Wages include principals, academic and vocational coordinators, guidance and special education. The 1.0 FTE increase is offset by staffing reductions in other sections, which addresses the staffing needed to implement the new after hours adult training opportunities. Contracted Services cover student related legal fees (504's, IEP's etc.), program evaluations, program advisory committee expenses and copier lease/maintenance. Supplies & Materials are the consumable items used in the day to day administration of programs. Other Variable Costs are professional organization dues, travel expenses, conferences, special projects and membership in the French River Educational Collaborative [FREC] which provides an hourly rate savings on IEP contracted services (i.e. speech/occupational therapy, assistive technology and autism consultations). The increases on these lines reflect historical trends and anticipated needs.

<b>Technology/ Digital Learning Center</b>	<b>Percentage of Instr. Total:</b> 4.6%	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Salaries & Wages		10,000	10,000	10,000	-	
Full-Time Employees		-	-	-	-	
Contracted Services (District)		39,334	34,272	27,930	(6,342)	
Supplies & Materials		30,229	24,000	21,000	(3,000)	
Other Variable Costs		1,319	4,027	7,427	3,400	
Technology (District)		732,330	660,890	732,243	71,353	
<b>Technology/Media Center Total</b>		\$ 813,212	\$ 733,189	\$ 798,600	\$ 65,411	8.92%

**Notes:** This area includes the Technology Department and Digital Learning Commons/Media Center. Salaries & Wages include technology leadership and integration training. Contracted Services include website content management and monitoring adherence with ADA accessibility standards as well as online employee safety/regulatory compliance training. The decrease is primarily attributed to support and training for the student information system (PowerSchool) which is now a few years old. Supplies & Materials are consumable items required by the technology department and media center to maintain existing hardware, media systems and peripherals. Other Variable Costs cover professional organization dues, periodicals, conferences and travel expenses. Technology (District) is the district-wide allocation for new or replacement computers, interactive panels, projectors, printers, scanners, etc. (unless specifically budgeted for in other areas) as well as instructional related software. The fluctuations in these line items across various instructional programs reflect historical trends and anticipated needs, as well as replacement of aging computers (the District supports a targeted 5 year, 20% replacement protocol, as well as 1:1 student devices).

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**FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET - INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION (2000)**

<b>Special Education/Guidance</b>	<b>Percentage of Instr. Total:</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
<b>Functions 2300's,2700's,2800</b>	<b>15.1%</b>					
Salaries & Wages		2,041,181	2,286,861	2,436,888	150,027	
Full-Time Employees		27.00	27.00	27.00	-	
Contracted Services		102,740	207,332	167,729	(39,603)	
Supplies & Materials		19,914	26,195	26,655	460	
Other Variable Costs		663	3,118	2,948	(170)	
<b>Special Ed/Guidance Total</b>		\$ 2,164,498	\$ 2,523,506	\$ 2,634,220	\$ 110,714	4.39%

**Notes:** This area includes teaching and support staff for instructional needs, related to Guidance and Special Education. Contracted Services include individual education plans [IEP], 504 accommodation plans, translation services, tutoring services, transition services, copier lease/maintenance and recruitment related items to showcase academic/vocational programs. The decrease in Contracted Services is primarily related to the reclassification of SPED liaison services to Salaries & Wages. Supplies & Materials are consumable items that are used on a day to day basis and include placement testing materials, proctoring, IEP mandates and instructional supplies. The increase is attributed to anticipated needs for testing materials and supplies. Other Variable Costs cover student site visits, professional organization dues, conferences and travel expenses. The decrease in Other Variable Costs reflects historical trends and anticipated needs.

<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>		\$ 15,592,702	\$ 16,520,776	\$ 17,487,207	\$ 966,431	5.85%
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**FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET - OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES FUNCTION (3000)**

<b>Pupil Transportation Function 3300</b>	<b>% of Other Sch. Svcs. Total: 62.2%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Contracted Services		2,081,814	2,228,643	2,375,965	147,322	
Other Variable Costs		169,274	182,660	193,960	11,300	
<b>Pupil Transportation Total</b>		\$ 2,251,088	\$ 2,411,303	\$ 2,569,925	\$ 158,622	6.58%

**Notes:** The District procured its transportation services through a bidded contract in January 2022 (effective July 1, 2022). FY2026 will be year four of a five year contract. The increase reflects contracted rates.

<b>Athletics Function 3510</b>	<b>% of Other Sch. Svcs. Total: 18.9%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Salaries & Wages		433,534	469,574	489,896	20,322	
Full-Time Employees		2.30	2.30	2.30	-	
Contracted Services		156,849	149,357	169,840	20,483	
Supplies & Materials		50,477	44,422	47,607	3,185	
Other Variable Costs		61,908	71,244	76,195	4,951	
<b>Athletics Total</b>		\$ 702,768	\$ 734,597	\$ 783,538	\$ 48,941	6.66%

**Notes:** Salaries & Wages include an athletic director, trainer, fitness room monitors, coaching stipends and athletic officiating (referees, ticket takers, clock operators, game administrators etc.) Contracted Services includes athletic bus transportation, ice hockey fees and equipment reconditioning (i.e. helmets, protective gear etc.). The increase in Contracted Services is mostly attributable to the added offering of Indoor Track. Supplies & Materials are the consumable items required to carry out each sport and ancillary items for the athletic program. The increase is indicative of inflationary costs. Other Variable Costs include officiating, professional organization dues, fees & registrations and training workshops, including concussion screening previously funded by the MA Concussion Coalition. The increase in Other Variable Costs reflects historical trends and anticipated needs.

<b>School Based Health Center/Nurses/Café Function 3200, 3400</b>	<b>% of Other Sch. Svcs. Total: 7.8%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Salaries & Wages		75,260	70,592	60,031	(10,561)	
Full-Time Employees		0.8	0.8	0.8	-	
Contracted Services		236,950	255,097	255,089	(8)	
Supplies & Materials		4,352	7,000	7,000	-	
Other Variable Costs		-	800	800	-	
Technology		1,756	1,824	1,870	46	
<b>School Based Health Center Total</b>		\$ 318,318	\$ 335,313	\$ 324,790	\$ (10,523)	-3.14%

**Notes:** Salaries & Wages include the school nutritionist, for which the decrease reflects the impact of staff transitions. Contracted Services include the School Physician (employed through Reliant Medical Group), two school nurses (employed through Stepping Stones Group) and funding of the School Based Health Center [SBHC] which has been funded in partnership with Milford Regional Medical Center [MRMC]. BVT funds a portion of the SBHC services that is in excess of a \$150k grant received from the Department of Public Health and passed through MRMC. MRMC is committed to managing this valuable service for the physical and social/emotional health needs of the district. Supplies & Materials are the consumable items used in day to day operations. Other Variable Costs cover school nurse software system and cafeteria sponsorship, if necessary. Technology includes software subscriptions related to medical record management, which incurs a minor increase year over year.

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**FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET - OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES FUNCTION (3000)**

<b>Student Body Activities</b> <b>Function 3520's</b>	<b>% of Other Sch. Svcs. Total:</b> <b>7.4%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Salaries & Wages		80,234	88,649	88,649	-	
Supplies / Contract Services		199,774	214,195	214,195	-	
Other Variable Costs		-	400	3,400	3,000	
<b>Student Body Activities Total</b>		\$ 280,008	\$ 303,244	\$ 306,244	\$ 3,000	0.99%

**Notes:** Salaries & Wages represent student body program stipends per the Teachers' Contract and an administrative support stipend. Supplies and Contract Services are the consumable items used for carrying out program activities and include an offset for fund raising efforts where applicable. Major activities include Skills USA, DECA, Robotics, Model United Nations, Student Council and Commencement. Other Variable Costs relate to travel expenses for student conferences and the independent financial audit that is required every three years.

<b>Student Body Security</b> <b>Function 3600</b>	<b>% of Other Sch. Svcs. Total:</b> <b>3.7%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Salaries & Wages		74,595	95,978	88,544	(7,434)	
Full-Time Employees		2.00	2.00	2.00	-	
Contracted Services		60,000	60,000	60,000	-	
Supplies & Materials		743	1,800	1,800	-	
Other Variable Costs		2,689	2,870	2,870	-	
Technology		625	660	660	-	
<b>Student Body Activities Total</b>		\$ 138,652	\$ 161,308	\$ 153,874	\$ (7,434)	-4.61%

**Notes:** Security provides oversight to the student body during the school day and during certain extra-curricular student activities. Salaries & Wages contain two campus safety FTE which enhance the district's various school security needs. The variance in Salaries & Wages reflects the impact of staff transitions. Contracted Services reflects the ongoing partnership established with the Upton Police Department. Supplies & Materials include restraint training workbooks and other consumables needed for visitor badges, etc. Other Variable Costs relate to conference registration fees and associated travel cost for restraint certification training.

Technology represents the annual maintenance and renewal fee for the visitor management system. The District is also able to benefit from the local police department's emergency alert system, Rave Panic Button. This application simultaneously communicates emergencies to 9-1-1, between on-site personnel and first responders in seconds.

<b>TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SVCS</b>		\$ 3,690,834	\$ 3,945,765	\$ 4,138,371	\$ 192,606	4.88%
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**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET - FACILITY/OPERATION & MAINTENANCE FUNCTION (4000)**

<b>Custodial Services Function 4110</b>	<b>% of Facility Total: 17.0%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Salaries & Wages		343,897	384,462	399,661	15,199	
Full-Time Employees		7.0	7.0	7.0	-	
Supplies & Materials		64,815	42,350	68,100	25,750	
<b>Custodial Services Total</b>		\$ 408,712	\$ 426,812	\$ 467,761	\$ 40,949	9.59%

**Notes:** Current FTE's allow the District to meet the national standard for Level 3 cleaning (i.e. ~30,000 sq. per custodian), which is the norm for most school facilities. Salaries & Wages includes custodial staff and any required substitutes. Supplies & Materials are the consumable items required by the custodial staff to accomplish daily cleaning and upkeep to maintain a healthy school. The increase in Supplies & Materials reflects historical trends and anticipated needs.

<b>Maintenance Function 4210/4220/4230/4300</b>	<b>% of Facility Total: 34.0%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Salaries & Wages		556,612	572,080	596,247	24,167	
Full-Time Employees		7.5	7.5	7.5	-	
Contracted Services		138,899	156,393	191,124	34,731	
Supplies & Materials		150,759	136,248	138,490	2,242	
Other Variable Costs		2,109	3,795	5,435	1,640	
Technology		4,868	4,200	4,200	-	
<b>Maintenance Total</b>		\$ 853,247	\$ 872,716	\$ 935,496	\$ 62,780	7.19%

**Notes:** Contracted Services include outside grounds/field maintenance costs such as lawn care and parking lot maintenance, and preventative maintenance contracts related to HVAC, boilers, elevators, energy management system, sprinkler system, sewer ejector cleaning, generators, and any other building requirements outside the scope of staff services. Supplies & Materials are the consumable items required to maintain a fully operational building, the fleet of vehicles, and the grounds (such as sand, salt, mulch and paint). Other Variable Costs include professional organization dues/fees and associated training needs. Technology includes annual software updates for district wide cameras. The fluctuations on each line reflect historical trends and anticipated needs.

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**FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET - FACILITY/OPERATION & MAINTENANCE FUNCTION (4000)**

Utilities/Tech Maintenance Function 4120/4130/4400/4450	% of Facility Total: 49.0%	FY2023-2024 Actual	FY2024-2025 Approved Budget	FY2025-2026 Requested	Variance from FY25 Budget	% Decrease or Increase
Salaries & Wages		357,847	377,919	410,787	32,868	
Full-Time Employees		5.0	5.0	5.0	-	
Contracted Services		99,871	114,195	116,805	2,610	
Supplies & Materials		542,585	626,209	693,618	67,409	
Other Fixed Costs		11,609	14,832	14,286	(546)	
Technology		73,512	79,595	109,851	30,256	
<b>Utilities/Tech Maintenance Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,085,424</b>	<b>\$ 1,212,750</b>	<b>\$ 1,345,347</b>	<b>\$ 132,597</b>	<b>10.93%</b>

**Notes:** Salaries & Wages include personnel related to maintaining and supporting the district's technology infrastructure as defined by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. The increase to Salaries & wages is mainly attributable to transition among staff. Contracted Services consist of fuel oil, trash removal, water/sewer charges and hazardous waste removal. Supplies & Materials include electricity and natural gas consumption. The change in Supplies & Materials is largely attributed to an increase in projected electricity and natural gas rates based on historical trends, offset by increasing solar power credits. Other Fixed Costs pertain to the telephone system and usage.

Technology includes primary internet access inclusive of 5 Gigabytes of fiber bandwidth, firewall/antivirus, data storage and backup, network licensing and engineering/technical support services. The increase in Technology is largely attributable to the addition of a new email security and training program, coupled with annual price increases for various services, historical trends and anticipated needs, all of which are offset with e-Rate savings.

<b>TOTAL FACILITY</b>		<b>\$ 2,347,383</b>	<b>\$ 2,512,278</b>	<b>\$ 2,748,604</b>	<b>\$ 236,326</b>	<b>9.41%</b>
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**FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET - FIXED CHARGES FUNCTION (5000)**

<b>Other Fringe Function 5100, 5200</b>	<b>% of Fixed Chrg.Total: 88.9%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Employee Benefits: Health/Life		2,968,282	3,214,932	3,280,128	65,196	
Retiree Benefits: Health/Life/Pension		1,447,252	1,808,004	2,286,050	478,046	
Other Fixed Costs		15,925	16,275	-	(16,275)	
<b>Other Fringe Total</b>		\$ 4,431,459	\$ 5,039,211	\$ 5,566,178	\$ 526,967	10.46%

**Notes:** This area represents health and life insurance benefits for employees and retirees, as well as Other Post-Employment Benefits [OPEB] liability funding for MTRS retirees, and state pension assessments for non-MTRS retirees.

The increase in Employee Benefits is attributed to known increases to active employee health insurance plan offerings. For the two Harvard Pilgrim HMO plans offered (Tiered and Best Buy) there is a 4.0% increase to the FY26 budget.

The increase in Retiree Benefits is mainly attributed to an increase in the number of participants within the state employee retirement system (pension for non-MTRS retirees) and health insurance rate increases that range from 4.0% to 20.0%, depending on the plan choice. Retiree health costs are driven by four factors: (1) the number of covered individuals; (2) plan selection which is affected by age; (3) plan rates which are affected by plan design; and (4) in the case of GIC retirees, the employee's retirement date and inclusion on the GIC's annual invoice (GIC cost share ratios: retiree contributes 10% of premium if retired prior to July 1, 1990 and 15% if retired after July 1, 1990). Additionally, the district continues to take action to address funding concerns surrounding Other Post-Employment Benefits [OPEB] liabilities for retirees. Required contributions are made by Teacher's Association employees, and the District is committed to a matching contribution of \$35,360.

Other Fixed Costs reflect negotiated contract obligations, no longer required in FY26.

<b>Insurance, Leases &amp; Fees Function 52xx, 5300, 5500</b>	<b>% of Fixed Chrg.Total: 11.1%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Contracted Services		257,522	278,811	296,517	17,706	
Other Fixed Costs		313,144	380,863	400,772	19,909	
<b>Insurance Total</b>		\$ 570,666	\$ 659,674	\$ 697,289	\$ 37,615	5.70%

**Notes:** Contracted Services represent insurance coverage that is designed to mitigate the financial impact of employment related risks. The anticipated change is primarily attributed to a 10% increase for property, casualty, general liability insurance, and workers' compensation over prior year actuals. Other Fixed Costs include employer Medicare and Unemployment payroll expenses, as well as student accident expenses. The increase is primarily driven by the change in wage base which has a direct impact on the calculation of employer taxes.

<b>TOTAL FIXED CHARGES</b>		\$ 5,002,125	\$ 5,698,885	\$ 6,263,467	\$ 564,582	9.91%
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**FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET - FIXED ASSETS FUNCTION (7000)**

<b>Acquisition of Fixed Assets Function 7300, 7500</b>	<b>% of Fixed Assets Total: 100.0%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Capital Equipment		78,671	-	122,500	122,500	
Capital Equipment/Vehicles		-	-	-	-	
<b>Equipment/Vehicle Totals</b>		\$ 78,671	\$ -	\$ 122,500	\$ 122,500	100.00%

**Notes:** Fixed Assets normally include the purchase of technology infrastructure items (i.e. servers, switches, storage devices etc.), non-instructional equipment, vehicles for student transportation, and campus maintenance. The current request includes replacement of all WiFi access points with necessary licensing, per the ongoing Technology Infrastructure replacement plan. The district continues to seek additional grants and other revenue sources for its investment in required capital improvements, technology, equipment, and vehicle purchases as identified and developed annually with program advisory committees.

<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		\$ 78,671	\$ -	\$ 122,500	\$ 122,500	100.00%
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**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET**

**DEBT FUNCTION (8000) & SCHOOL CHOICE / TRANSFERS FUNCTION (9000)**

<b>Bond Principal Function 8100</b>	<b>Percentage of Debt Total 0.0%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Other Fixed Costs		370,000	365,000	-	(365,000)	
<b>Bond Principal Total</b>		\$ 370,000	\$ 365,000	\$ -	\$ (365,000)	-100.00%

**Notes:** Other Fixed Costs are per the long-term bond schedule (principal portion) which was paid in full during FY25. Pending MSBA approval of the Accelerated Repair Program, there is no debt anticipated in FY26, however new debt is anticipated in FY27.

<b>Bond Interest Function 8200</b>	<b>Percentage of Debt Total: 20.8%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Other Fixed Costs		22,050	10,950	-	(10,950)	
Other Variable Costs		-	5,000	5,000	-	
<b>Bond Interest Total</b>		\$ 22,050	\$ 15,950	\$ 5,000	\$ (10,950)	-68.65%

**Notes:** Other Fixed Costs are per the long-term bond schedule (interest portion) which was paid in full during FY25. Pending MSBA approval of the Accelerated Repair Program, there is no debt anticipated in FY26, however new debt is anticipated in FY27. Other Variable Costs include short term interest in the form of R.A.N. (Revenue Anticipation Note), B.A.N. (Bond Anticipation Note), and G.A.N. (Grant Anticipation Note).

<b>School Choice &amp; Transfers Function 9000</b>	<b>Percentage of Debt Total: 79.2%</b>	<b>FY2023-2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024-2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY2025-2026 Requested</b>	<b>Variance from FY25 Budget</b>	<b>% Decrease or Increase</b>
Other Variable Costs		18,900	5,000	19,000	14,000	
Other Fixed Costs		990,000	-	-	-	
<b>School Choice-Transfers Out Total</b>		\$ 1,008,900	\$ 5,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 14,000	0.00%

**Notes:** Other Variable Costs include school choice assessments and Other Fixed Costs reflect authorized school committee transfers to regional transportation stabilization and capital project funds. Per the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's School Choice sending roster, the District has three School Choice students in FY26 (one of which includes a Special Ed increment) versus one in FY25.

<b>TOTAL DEBT/CHOICE/TRANSFERS</b>		\$ 1,400,950	\$ 385,950	\$ 24,000	\$ (361,950)	-93.78%
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<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>		\$ 29,465,868	\$ 30,467,488	\$ 32,225,637	\$ 1,758,149	5.77%
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# Multiple Cost Centers



## One of These Things is Not Like the Other

Annually, we request an all-inclusive, one-time consolidated assessment to each of our member towns. Any valid attempt to compare or contrast BVT versus local per-pupil costs must first add the multiple cost center subsidies found within the municipal and not school side of the ledger. Such expenses include but are not limited to:

- Central office
- Capital improvements
- Casualty insurance
- Debt
- Federal revenue shortfalls
- Health insurance
- Legal expenses
- Life insurance
- Pension obligations
- Property insurance
- School resource officer
- State revenue shortfalls
- Trash, recycling, and snow removal
- Treasurer, audit, and other expenses
- Unemployment
- Workers compensation

With winter upon us, it's easy to imagine it's a snowy night throughout the district. Many families are anticipating a late start, school cancellation, or remote work day.

**Apples:** In our sending towns, the highway departments are gearing up for snow removal within their municipalities, including local schools. We are pleased to observe this level of additional support. No matter what the morning brings, school parking lots, sidewalks, and pathways will be safe for students and staff.

**Oranges:** In Upton, where BVT is located, the town highway department will not be clearing our campus of snow. Alternatively, we are responsible for providing safe passage for our students and staff, and paying for snow removal, including the cost of equipment (truck, plow, and salt spreader) and ongoing maintenance and insurance.

Known for our cost-saving approaches, we've earned a reputation for going the extra mile and working with our health insurance broker, provider, and insurance advisory committee. At BVT, similar to snow removal, our employee health insurance is included in the school budget as presented. In contrast, a school system's health insurance cost, a major cost driver, is traditionally part of its municipal budget.

*It is essential for cities and towns to adequately invest in maintaining their buildings. Letting them fall apart as a shortcut to getting state reimbursement eligibility is a no-no. Local officials who might opt to let their buildings deteriorate to become eligible for the building authority's grants are never advisable.*

- Deborah Goldberg,  
State Treasurer and  
Massachusetts School  
Board Building Authority

# Budget Building Process

There are many steps to creating an operational budget. Our process is a multifaceted, mindful approach involving collaboration among members of our school community and informed stakeholders. It is their commitment and our partnerships that make this endeavor possible.



## Program Advisory Committee Review

The business leaders, industry professionals, and alumni on our Program Advisory Committee validate and rank program requests, such as new curriculums and equipment recommendations. Additionally, they provide insight on industry trends, which helps us create a learning environment that mirrors the diverse, global workforce.



## Budget Subcommittee Working Sessions

From October to March of each year, our subcommittee will examine, discuss, investigate, research, expand, delete, or otherwise modify the eventual budget, which is then submitted to our School Committee for approval.



## Final Product of Budget Subcommittee

Each year the Governor announces a plan to release the new state budget early in the calendar year. Rather than rely upon estimates, the BVT budget will incorporate specifics from the Commonwealth's plan as it becomes available.



## School Council Review & Approval Vote

Our School Council, composed of dedicated parents, students, teachers, and representatives from municipal governments, businesses, and collegiate organizations, provides insight to our principal by reviewing our annual budget and providing valuable feedback regarding the school's long-term master plan.



## Public Hearing

This legally posted gathering will enable representatives of the public at large to share their views on the new FY26 budget.



## School Committee Review & Approval Vote

Prior to releasing its FY26 fiscal budget to our 13 members communities, the regional School Committee completes a final review.



## Certification to Member Communities

Our District Treasurer distributes the final approved fiscal budget to our 13 towns.

Our experience at L.W.  
Tank Repair with BVT's

Co-Op program and especially the  
Co-Op hires has been excellent.

The students are always professional,  
dependable, and eager to learn.

They have become a consistent and  
important part of our operations.

We look forward to continuing our  
work with BVT's Co-Op program.

- Bob Largesse, Vice President/  
General Manager of  
L.W. Tank Repair

# Grants & Donations

As part of our mission to transform education, BVT complements community support by seeking non-taxpayer resources through the aggressive pursuit of available public and private grants or donations to enhance learning and support programs and services for its students.

Our goal in FY26 is to surpass the grant funding, private sector support, and efficiencies we obtain in FY25. Please note the FY25 Grand Total on this page is as of February 18, 2025.

The District also receives substantial non-cash donations in the form of tools, technology, and raw materials.

Federal Entitlement Grants	Amount
IDEA ( <i>Special Education</i> )	\$358,135
Perkins V ( <i>Secondary</i> )	\$176,291
Title I	\$47,178
Title IIA	\$17,020
IDEA Part B ( <i>IEP Improvement</i> )	\$10,000
Title IV	\$10,000
CTE Postsecondary Programs-Perkins Reserve ( <i>PN Program</i> )	\$4,280
<b>Federal Entitlement Grants Subtotal</b>	<b>\$622,904</b>

Other Federal/State Grants	Amount
MA Skills Capital FY25/FY26 Lab Modernization & Equipment ( <i>Culinary Arts</i> )	\$1,250,000
MA Skills Capital FY25 Technology & Equipment ( <i>Auto Technology</i> )	\$153,000
Department of Public Health ( <i>School Based Health Center w/Milford Regional Medical Center</i> )	\$150,000
MA Life Sciences Center ( <i>Biotech Bioprocessing Equipment &amp; Professional Development</i> )	\$59,716
CTE Frameworks & Competency Based Implementation ( <i>Special Education Liaison &amp; 20 Vocational Curriculum Development Stipends</i> )	\$28,000
<b>Other Federal/State Grants Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,640,716</b>

Competitive Grants	Amount
Anonymous Donor ( <i>Construction, Electronics, Engineering, Manufacturing, &amp; Plumbing</i> )	\$550,000
Member Town Cultural Councils ( <i>Multicultural Festival 2025</i> )	\$4,000
Toshiba America Foundation ( <i>Engineering-PLTW Digital Electronics, Oscilloscopes</i> )	\$3,390
BVEF - Unibank Enrichment ( <i>DECA State Conference Registrations</i> )	\$2,000
Member Town Cultural Councils ( <i>Holiday Art Show 2025</i> )	\$500
<b>Competitive Grants Subtotal</b>	<b>\$559,890</b>

Donations - Superintendent	Amount
Golf Tournament	\$15,156
Lee McLeod, McLeod Electrical Services ( <i>Vocational Donation</i> )	\$10,000
Blissful Meadows ( <i>Professional Development</i> )	\$7,200
UniBank ( <i>Community Project Transportation</i> )	\$3,500
Millbury Credit Union ( <i>Community Project Transportation</i> )	\$3,000
Bank Hometown ( <i>Community Project Transportation</i> )	\$2,000
Milford Federal ( <i>Community Project Transportation</i> )	\$1,000
Country Bank ( <i>Community Project Transportation</i> )	\$250
<b>Donations - Superintendent Subtotal</b>	<b>\$42,106</b>

<b>FY25 GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,865,616</b>
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Note: Additional grant proposals are under consideration.

# Addendum to Master Plan

BVT's capital planning approach seizes selective cost-effective opportunities that match needed campus improvements. Rather than burden our member communities with additional assessments, the District vigilantly looks for external federal, state, and supplemental funding sources to initiate enhancements through reimbursement or outright award.

Also see our [Grants & Donations page](#) for additional external funding sources.

Date	Examples of External Funding	Award
2011	Green School Repair Incentive (MSBA)	\$374,581
2012	Science Lab Initiative (MSBA)	\$433,422
2015	Accelerated Roof Repair Program (MSBA)	\$501,276
2016	Equipment: Manufacturing, Auto Tech, & Construction (MA Skills Capital Grant)	\$407,517
	Equipment: 10 Vocational Programs (MA Skills Capital Grant)	\$495,000
2018	Manufacturing Evening Program (MA Skills Capital Grant)	\$234,149
	Equipment: Auto Technology (MA Skills Capital Grant)	\$125,000
2019	Equipment: Engineering (MA Skills Capital Grant)	\$375,000
	Accelerated Roof Repair Program (MSBA)	\$584,080
2020	Equipment/Renovation: Biotechnology (MA Skills Capital Grant)	\$830,106
2021	HVAC&R Renovation (MA Skills Capital Grant)	\$225,000
2022	Equipment: Health Services & Dental Assisting (MA Skills Capital Grant)	\$150,000
2023	Oil Tank Removal (Legislative Funding)	\$83,000
	Equipment: Culinary Arts Heavy-Duty Grease Traps (Milford Special Warrant Article)	\$48,379
	Equipment: Construction includes simulators, Electrical, & Electronics (MA Skills Capital Grant)	\$544,283
	Equipment: Construction Dust Collector System (MA Skills Capital Grant)	\$705,717
2025	Equipment: Culinary Arts (MA Skills Capital Grant)	\$1,250,000
	Equipment: Auto Technology (MA Skills Capital Grant)	\$153,000
	Hot Water System (Legislative Funding)	\$44,000

### **Proposed MSBA Project: Bond for Major Roof Repairs**

*Invited to MSBA Eligibility Period, Submission Pending Review*

Like your home, there comes a time when you have to repair and protect your investment. The bond would help us make necessary repairs to our school by addressing the following:

- Roof Repair:** Infrared studies confirm that a section (approximately 60,000 square feet) of the 34-year old roofing system needs to be replaced to protect the three commercial kitchens, advanced manufacturing, welding, and engineering equipment that lies below it.
- HVAC Rooftop Units:** The remaining funds will be used to replace approximately 37 HVAC rooftop units and heater cores as they approach end-of-life with higher efficiency units. This will not only ensure continued healthy air quality within our 18 industrial and career technical labs throughout the building, but also save energy costs over time.

# Return on Investment

We remain committed to presenting a one-time consolidated FY26 budget request. Regardless of any unforeseen shortfalls in anticipated revenue streams, we will operate within the dollars requested and not seek further FY26 funding via a special town meeting.

## Transforming Education

We regularly update our academic and vocational curriculum to align with students' educational needs and ensure instructors are current with industry standards and technology. Visit our campus and see the transformation!

## Capital Improvements

Our students use their vocational training to complete a myriad of cost-saving projects on campus and in our 13-town district communities. This not only helps them hone their skills and gain experience but also delivers much-needed financial relief for local municipal budgets.

## 100% Graduation Rate

Our impressive 100% graduation rate reflects our commitment to helping students achieve their full potential in academic and vocational coursework, which compares favorably to the state average of an 89.2% graduation rate.



## Highly Skilled Graduates

Through career-connected pathways, cooperative education, and community projects, our students advance skill development to meet industry standards for high-demand trades within our region. Our highly skilled graduates are ready to contribute to the workforce, but some professions require further training, college degrees, or military service.

## Supplementary \$\$\$

Federal, state, and private grants help to offset expenses, complement local funding, and enhance our programs and services. Our financially savvy students, aware of rising post-secondary education and career training costs, actively pursue scholarships to lessen the financial impact when advancing their career education and training.

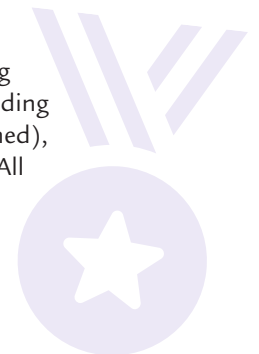
## Maximizing Resources

We offer one of the longer school years of any public school in Massachusetts, we maximize this time and use in-house vocational resources when feasible. Our students and staff complete various services to enhance and maintain our aging facility.

## Academic Achievements

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exams have played a role in determining a student's readiness for career and college. Our students have an enviable history of high student growth and achievement on the MCAS exams. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) released the 2024 MCAS results. The recent data reflects the scores of our current juniors (the Class of 2026), who took the MCAS exam as sophomores. The results showed continuous growth and achievement.

74% of students in English Language Arts were in the Exceeding or Meeting Expectations category. In Mathematics, 60% of students were in the Exceeding or Meeting Expectations category. In Science (Biology and Physics combined), 66% of students were in the Exceeding or Meeting Expectations category. All were well above the reported state averages.



*BVT's Electrical program does an outstanding job of preparing their students for the electrical field.*

*With the help of their wonderful instructors, we have had great success with Co-Op and full-time employees straight from the electrical program.*

– Christopher Martel,  
Preconstruction/Prefabrication  
Manager at Energy Electrical  
Contractors of New England

*Every BVT Co-Op student has brought a new perspective to our team that not only benefits other staff members but our entire business. We thoroughly enjoy working with them.*

– Allison Doll, Portatree  
Timing Systems

## How High School Tradespeople Are Making an Impact

*Holy Cross Magazine: College of the Holy Cross – November 2024*

Thanks to a new Co-Op Program, the College hired BVT and Worcester Tech students into positions in its HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and painting departments. The initiative is not only providing students with hands-on learning and filling significant skilled-trades employment gaps, but it is also shining a spotlight for the entire campus community on the crucial role of facilities in keeping campus life running smoothly and safely. The students participating in the program launched in fall 2023 are “thriving” – a win for the College and the young tradespeople.



## BVT Teacher Earns National PLTW Engineering Teacher of the Year Award

*The Valley Breeze – October 10, 2024*

Students and staff’s continuous and collective effort has earned consistent national recognition from Project Lead The Way (PLTW). The nonprofit organization has recognized BVT as a PLTW Distinguished School for seven consecutive years. The school is proud to announce a new accomplishment earned by instructor Brian Rhodes, who was recently named a 2024-25 National PLTW Engineering Teacher of the Year.

## Listen to the Sound that Fills the Halls at BVT

*Blackstone Enlightener – October 2024*

As you walk the hallways, listen carefully. You’ll hear another sound mingling with the buzzing of saws and hammering of nails; it’s the unique timbre of a flute and French horn or the smooth and complex sounds of a saxophone. The music program is grateful for the recent instrument donations from Burkart Flutes and Piccolos, as well as the in-kind donations of a saxophone and French horn from Hungry for Music. The additional support is “instrumental” in growing and ensuring a sustainable program that strives to increase equitable access to a broader range of musical tools and instruments for all students.

## Healey-Driscoll Administration Awards \$17 Million for CTE Equipment Improvements

*Mas.gov Executive Office of Education – October 22, 2024*

BVT is one of 18 schools across Massachusetts receiving funds to upgrade and install equipment, improve and renovate facilities for equipment use and increased capacity. The \$1,250,000 Skills Capital Lab Modernization Grant for BVT’s Culinary Arts Department will modernize and upgrade equipment, ensuring that students and workers are prepared for the rapidly evolving demands of today’s job market through expanded career programs for young people and adults and increased capacity in workforce training programs.

## \$9 Million in Scholarships for BVT Students Awarded

*Bellingham Bulletin – July 2024*

As BVT’s newest graduates advance their career training, they do so with the assistance of scholarship and awards with a tally exceeding nine million in renewable value, which is a springboard for success, allowing its recipients the financial freedom to implement their career plans across various pathways.