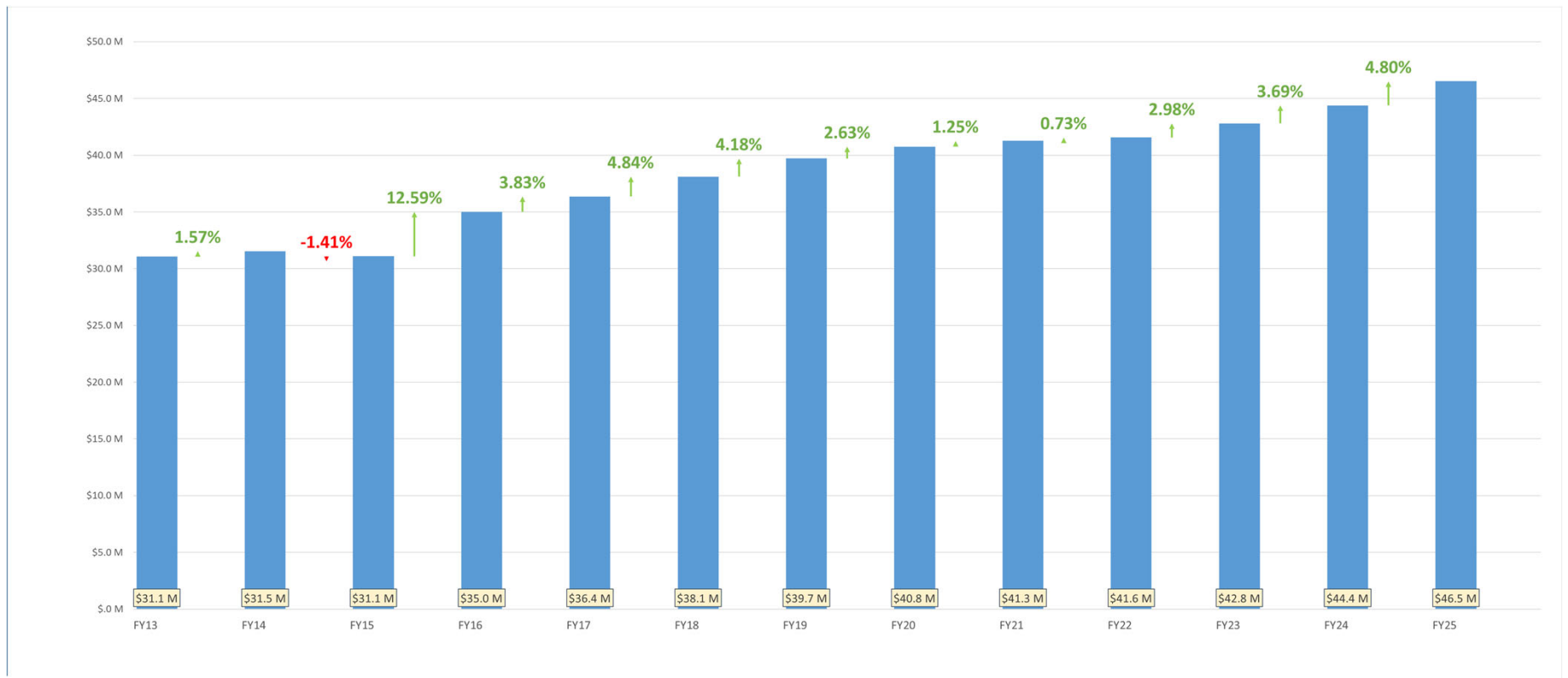


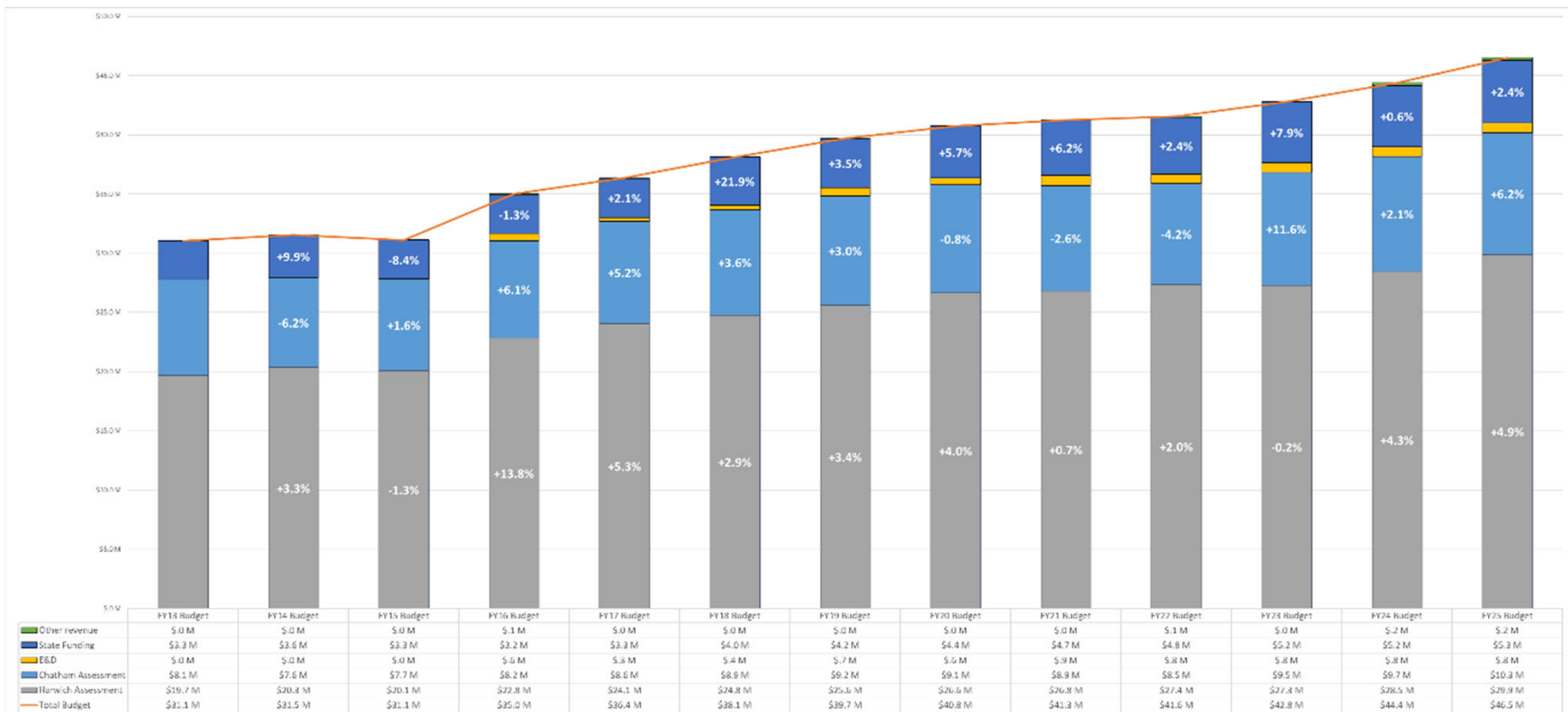
Monomoy Regional School District **FY26 Budget Context**

October 7, 2024

The FY25 Budget process ended with a 4.8% increase in the district budget.



This increase was funded through an increase in the Harwich assessment of almost 5% and in the Chatham assessment of 6.2%.

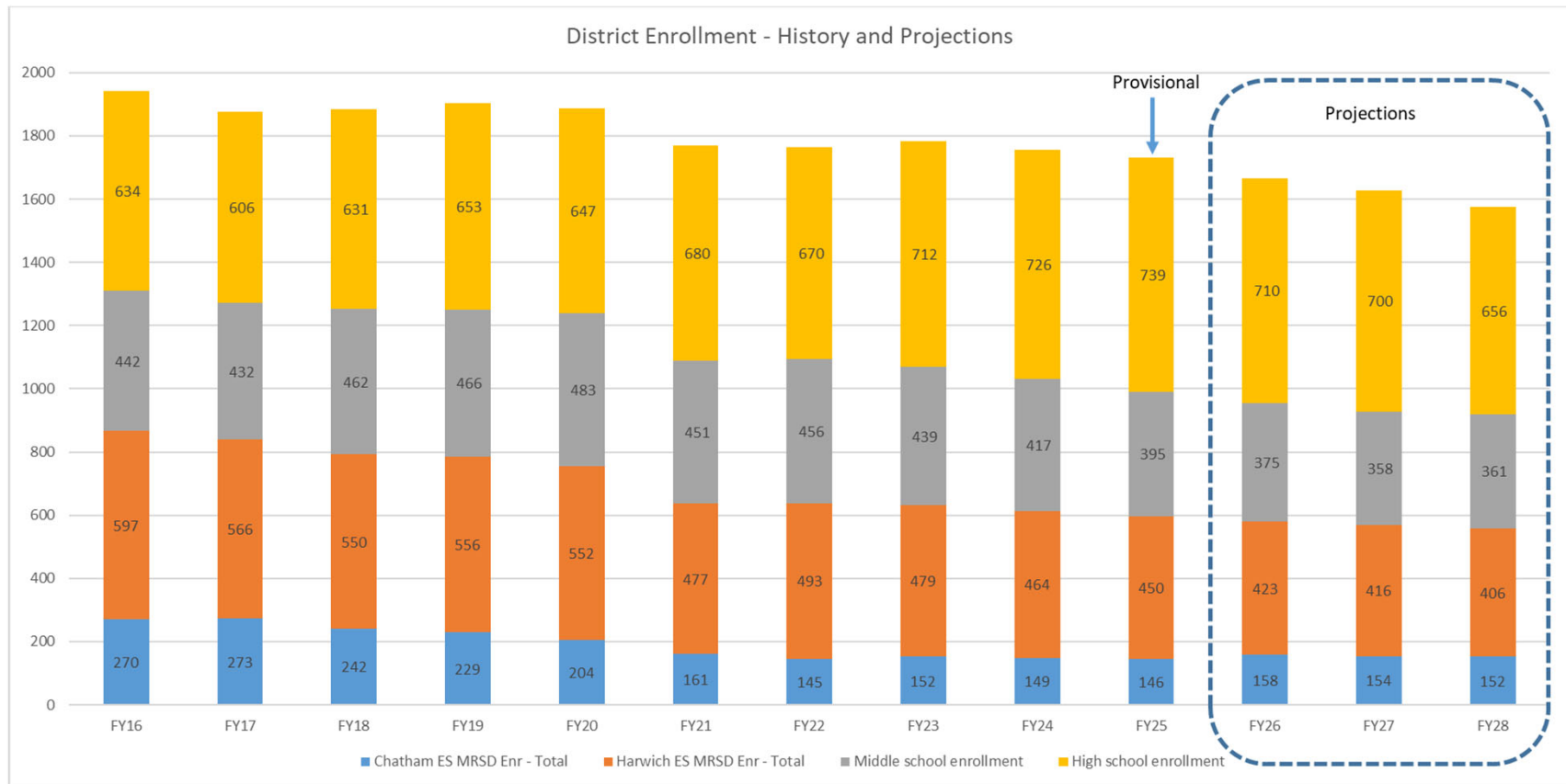


The provisional enrollment figures suggest a small overall shift toward Harwich.

District Enrollment			
Budget Yr	Harwich	Chatham	Shift
2020	74.30%	25.70%	
2021	74.80%	25.20%	0.5% to Harwich
2022	75.96%	24.04%	1.16% to Harwich
2023	76.52%	23.48%	0.56% to Harwich
2024	76.46%	23.54%	0.06% to Chatham
2025	76.30%	23.70%	0.16% to Chatham
2026	76.44%	23.56%	0.13% to Harwich

Foundation Enrollment			
Budget Yr	Harwich	Chatham	Shift
2020	73.45%	26.55%	
2021	74.35%	25.65%	0.9% to Harwich
2022	75.11%	24.89%	0.76% to Harwich
2023	76.27%	23.73%	1.16% to Harwich
2024	76.56%	23.44%	0.29% to Harwich
2025	76.83%	23.17%	0.27% to Harwich
2026	76.81%	23.19%	0.02% to Chatham

Enrollment expected to continue to go down, slowly.



Key factors that will influence the budget and assessments:

Salary agreements

The district concluded contracts for three of the four employee groups last year. These agreements provided salary increases to keep in step with surrounding districts and the local economy. This will lead to higher salary increases for FY26 and on.

Ongoing impact of COVID & end of ESSER funding

The impact of school closures on students' academic success and their social and emotional well being is ongoing and is driving the need for additional services.

State Funding

The Chapter 70 funding formula is based on *current* foundation enrollment and determines almost half of the assessments, it will be available in January.

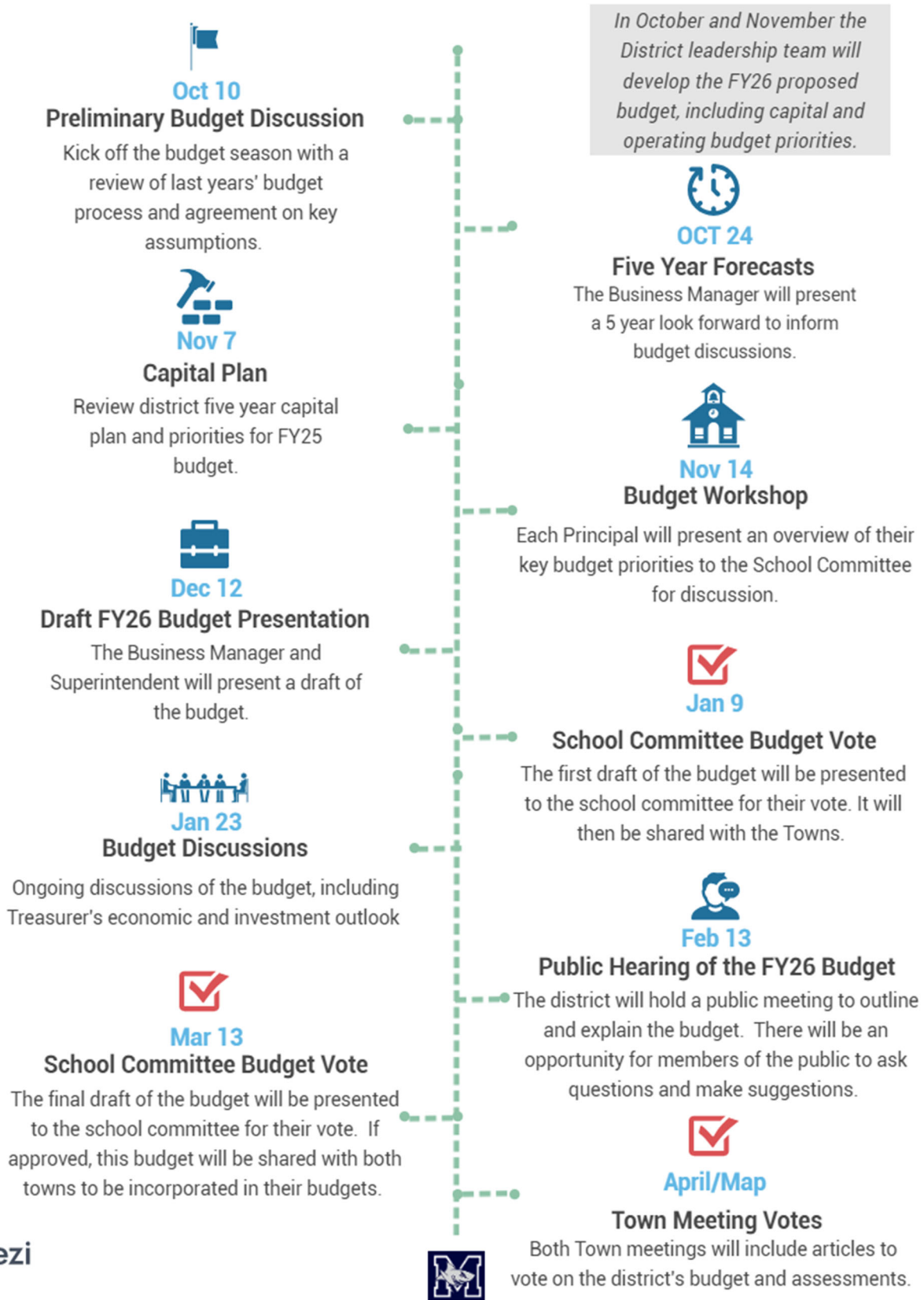
Capital needs

Although they have been well maintained, many of the schools' building components are reaching the end of their useful life.

School Choice Enrollment

School choice enrollment in and out of the district is going down and for FY26 will mean net lower revenue for the district.

FY26 Budget Timeline



FY26 Budget Assumptions



Health Insurance

The health insurance rates for FY26 will not be set until February 2025. Until then the district is assuming an increase of 10%. The increase from FY24 to FY25 was 8%

**10% increase in
costs
\$580,000**



School Choice Tuition

In recent years, the number of Chatham/Harwich students choosing to attend schools other than Monomoy fell faster than the number of students choosing to come to Monomoy from other districts. This has been a financial benefit to the district. The number of school choice 'in' students is forecast to fall by around 10-20 students without the same reduction in choice 'out' leading to a net decrease in revenue for the district.

**Decrease in
revenue
Net \$100,000**



Charter School Tuition

The number of Chatham/Harwich students attending charter schools fell significantly from FY21 to FY23. However, in FY24 this number increased and while we await the FY25 figures, we are assuming the same increase for FY26.

**Net increase
\$40,000**



New Hires

For budgeting purposes, the district assumes that new hires, in the event of resignation and retirements, will be hired at a step 7, masters column for unit A staff. For all other staff, it's assumed that the new hire will be at the same rate as the outgoing employee.



Salary Increases

The district completed negotiations with three employee associations, so there is greater certainty of salary levels for the FY26 budget. Negotiations with the custodian employee association will begin for their FY26-FY28 contract and the budget will include an assumption about possible increases that may result.



Enrollment

The district estimates next year's enrollment using a weighted cohort survival method. Estimates are based on the percentage of students moving to each grade in the last six years. Using that approach suggests a fall of 68 students. Further enrollment information will be available after the October 1 state reports are finalized. These numbers impact the budget and each town's assessment,