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Dear School Committee Members,

Thank you for your questions and feedback during our FY27 Budget process. Tonight, the Superintendent and I will present the revised FY27 general fund budget for your consideration totaling \$1,712,580,255. This appropriation is \$2 million higher than our initial appropriation due to the approval of the Bus Monitors contract during the [February 12 School Committee meeting](#). This budget also reflects changes made in light of the conversations we have had with the committee as well as the school leaders, staff, parents, and the general public through this process.

Detailed [budget tables for the final FY27](#) proposal have been updated, posted online and shared with School Committee members. This memo summarizes the changes in these tables compared to those presented at the February 4, 2026 School Committee meeting. We will provide additional updates if further changes are made.

### **Changes to School Budgets**

Every year, the initial proposed budget contains a number of reserves that we intend to allocate to schools throughout the process. These reserves are typically held in the Budget Office but are eventually transferred to school budgets.

Below is a summary of the changes for this year. While we are still holding reserves that will be allocated to schools over the next few months and through summer and fall, the following funds have moved onto school budgets since our original proposal:

- **Transition Funding** - After our final review, we have allocated \$4.5M in transition funding to 15 schools for FY27. This funding can be viewed on the Transition Funding tab on the FY27 Manual Adjustments file in the [School Committee Materials](#) and in Appendix A below.
- **Holland Elementary Related Services Staffing** - The Holland Elementary is transitioning back to BPS management from the UP Education Network for SY26-27. In SY25-26, \$526k was allocated to the school budget for related services at the Holland Elementary due to specialized autonomies under the receivership agreement. As a part of this transition, the funding for staff is moving

back to the Office of Specialized Services for FY27. Beginning in FY27, OSS will provide services to students. This change was not in the original budget documents sent to the committee, but is included in the revised documents.

### **Changes to Central Budgets**

Since the initial FY27 budget proposal was presented on February 4, there have been adjustments to the central office budgets based on feedback as well as several smaller changes to the proposed budget for central departments. The main changes are:

1. An Increase in funding for Bus Monitors in light of the new contract.
2. Restoration of 3 Supervisor of Attendance positions that were reduced in the initial proposal to to maintain one Supervisor per region.
3. Correction to the General Fund Central FTE reductions to account for positions that were reduced in our original proposed budget, but where the accounting for specific positions had not been finalized. This included the consolidation of vacant bus monitor positions and a reduction in part time custodial staff. The correction changed the reported General Fund FTE tables from -105 to -175.
4. Revised External Funds Projections to account for updated projected revenues. We will come back to the Committee in the late spring with finalized proposals, but this revised proposal shows an estimated reduction in Food Service positions on USDA reimbursement funding due to a combination of fewer meals served, school closure, and the opening of the central kitchen.

The other changes were smaller and more technical in nature. They are reflected in the final tables you have received.

As I share our final FY27 proposed budget, I want to thank our dedicated staff who have put in countless hours to ensure our budget maximizes resources to support our students. In particular, School Leaders, the Finance Team, Department Heads and School Site Councils have played a critical role in shaping the FY27 budget.

I also want to thank members of the School Committee and the general public for the productive budget process and public dialogue we have had over the past few months. The thoughtful questions and public testimony have helped to shape our final proposal for you this evening.

Sincerely,

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David Bloom  
Chief Financial Officer

## Appendix A: Transition Funding Allocations by School

RC	School Name	Amount	Notes
101630	Charlestown High	\$1,241,202	RSF Transition Support due to enrollment decline
101603	Community Academy	\$1,142,183	Transitioning school to program
101256	Curley K-8	\$622,754	RSF Transition Support due to end of supplemental inclusion funding
101373	Henderson K-12	\$377,231	LTFP Transition Support
101438	Frederick Elementary	\$339,734	2 paras for inclusion rollout transition in merger, 1 Family Liaison and 1 Transformation Coach for 1 year to support transition
101420	Sarah Roberts Elementary	\$153,264	Temporary funding for second administrator in LTFP implementation
101434	Warren-Prescott K-8	\$140,313	RSF Transition Support to manage 3 sites
101342	Manning Elementary	\$110,786	RSF Transition Support due to end of hold harmless funding for declining enrollment
101650	Boston Adult Technical Academy	\$88,635	RSF Transition Support to Maintain 2nd Family Liaison during program transition to include 16 and 17 year olds
101645	Boston Green Academy	\$65,171	Ch 74 temporary support
101366	Murphy K-8	\$62,975	RSF Transition Support due to enrollment decline
101404	Roosevelt K-8	\$50,753	RSF Transition Support due to end of hold harmless funding for declining enrollment
101615	Boston Latin Academy	\$44,318	Temporary funding to support BRYT program moving off of grant
101618	O'Bryant Math & Science HS	\$44,317	Temporary funding to support BRYT program moving off of grant
101190	Newcomers Academy	\$34,017	RSF Transition Support due to enrollment decline and program redesign