Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
6:30 pm
Dover-Sherborn Middle School Library
Livestream via Dover-Sherborn Cable Television

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Community Comments**

   https://meet.google.com/gre-owyp-oeu (will close after Community Comments)
3. **Student Council Representative's Report**
4. **School Committee Announcements and Subcommittee Updates**
5. **Superintendent Comments**
   - MCAS Presentation
6. **Financial Reports**
   - Warrant Report
   - FY27 Monthly Operating Update
7. **Items for Discussion**
   - FY28 Budget Guidance
8. **Action Items**
   - FY28-FY33 Five-Year Capital Plan **A.R.**
   - Appoint METCO Liaison **A.R.**
9. **Consent Items** **A.R.**
   - Approval of Regional School Committee Minutes – October 13, 2026
   - Approval High School out of State Field Trip
   - Approval of Gift to DSHS Audio-Visual Program
   - Approval of Gridiron Athletic Gift
10. **Informational Items**
    - Dover School Committee Minutes – September 22, 2026
    - Sherborn School Committee Minutes – September 22, 2026
    - ACCEPT Collaborative Quarterly Report September 2026
11. **Next Meeting December 8, 2026**
12. **Adjourn**

NOTE: The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed and other items not listed may also be raised for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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Heather Ronan, Interim Assistant Superintendent

Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator
Kate McCarthy, Director of Student Services

TO: Regional School Committee
FROM: Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator
DATE: November 10, 2026
RE: FY27 Approved Warrants

The following FY27 Accounts Payable Warrants were approved by one of the Committee's designated signers:

Voucher #	Date	Amount
1083	10/16/2026	$609,116.80
1102	10/30/2026	$503,629.77
1103	11/3/2026	$235,223.30

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TO: Regional School Committee
FROM: Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator
RE: FY27 Operating Update
DATE: November 10, 2026

Attached please find:

a. General Fund Revenues as of October 31, 2026
b. Status of Appropriations as of October 31, 2026

Note: As in previous years, the financial narrative will be rolling with new/updated information in ***bold.***

Revenues

Chapter 70 and 71 revenue projections reflect the final Cherry Sheet amounts. The variance in Chapter 70 is due to increases in legislative funding in the final state budget approval (we use the Governor's Budget for our budget placeholder). We anticipate receiving a higher amount of Regional Transportation reimbursement based on the State Budget estimated reimbursement rate of 87-92%. We are projecting no variances in athletics, parking and activity fees at this time. Interest rates remain favorable resulting in a projected positive variance in Interest Income. We will review all activities as the year progresses and adjust projections accordingly.

Operating Expenditures

Salaries
The majority of salaries have been encumbered. Stipends have been recorded except for unfilled coaching positions. Custodial overtime and substitute costs are expensed as incurred.

There are a few salary variances due to post FY27 staffing changes. We will provide more insight into the impact of these changes at the next meeting as we are still finalizing payroll placements and shared district positions. In addition, we will be monitoring substitute costs throughout the year as we account for the impact of scheduled leaves.

Expenditures
At this time, we are not projecting any material variances in operating expenses except for Transportation. Given the current diesel fuel prices, we are anticipating a higher than budgeted fuel adjustment surcharge. The high end of our fuel cost range is $4.25 per gallon. September pricing was $6.35 per gallon. Health insurance and utility expenses will be encumbered prior to the FY28 Version 1.0 Budget presentation in December.

Out-of-District

You will now see, at the bottom of the Status of Appropriations, Dover's and Sherborn's expenses for out-of-district. We are still finalizing placements and encumbering all tuitions and transportation expenses. **At this time, both Towns have appropriated funds to cover current placement costs.** We will provide more details on placements and the related Circuit Breaker activity at December's meeting.

FY26 Wrap-up

Our E&D was certified by the Department of Revenue on November 2, 2026. Certified E&D was $922,979 with an unadjusted fund balance of $1,000,722 or 3.07% of the FY27 Budget. This is in line with the School Committee policy level of 3%-4%. The difference represents prepaid amounts on our financial statements that are deducted for purposes of E&D available to the Committee.

The Region's EOYR was filed with DESE. We are required to undergo a compliance audit each year to ensure our data reporting is in-line with their directives. This will take place prior to the March 31st filing deadline.

As we are still completing the FY25 Audit, we have not scheduled the fieldwork yet for the FY26 Audit. We will keep the Committee updated on this progress and the timeline for the presentation of both sets of audited financial statements.

We will be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have at Tuesday's meeting.

Dover-Sherborn Regional School District

General Fund Revenues

as of October 31, 2026

	FY27 BUDGET	YTD RECEIVED	EST. TO BE RECEIVED	OPERATING VARIANCE	% OF BUDGET
DOVER ASSESSMENTS	$14,847,289	$6,186,365	$8,660,924	$0	0.00%
SHERBORN ASSESSMENTS	13,367,713	4,455,904	8,911,809	$0	0.00%
CHAPTER 70, net	2,991,863	1,032,780	2,065,504	$106,421	3.56%
CHAPTER 71 (Transportation)	781,648	0	800,000	$18,352	2.35%
H/S ATHLETIC FEES	284,750	119,045	165,705	$0	0.00%
H/S PARKING FEES	52,500	40,450	12,050	$0	0.00%
H/S ACTIVITY FEE	15,000	12,075	2,925	$0	0.00%
M/S ACTIVITY FEE	7,425	5,220	2,205	$0	0.00%
MISC REVENUE	5,000	605	4,395	$0	0.00%
BANK INTEREST	50,000	63,400	100,000	$113,400	226.80%
NON-CASH ACTIVITY	0	0	0	$0	na
E&D UTILIZATION	200,000	0	200,000	$0	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	$32,603,188	$11,915,844	$20,925,517	$238,173	0.73%

Dover-Sherborn Regional School District
Status of Appropriations as of October 31, 2026

	FY27 BUDGET	EXPENDED 31-Oct	ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL PROJECTED	OPERATING VARIANCE/ BUD. REMAINING	% OF BUDGET
SALARIES						
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	22,280	7,712	14,568	22,280	0	0.00%
SUPERINTENDENT	314,113	106,471	196,462	302,933	11,180	3.56%
FINANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES	221,522	70,126	135,627	205,753	15,769	7.12%
DISTRICTWIDE INFORMATION MGMT	270,769	93,728	177,041	270,769	0	0.00%
SPED/GUIDANCE ADMINISTRATION	534,195	181,347	360,068	541,415	(7,220)	-1.35%
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP - BUILDING	804,642	245,745	534,920	780,665	23,977	2.98%
ACADEMIC LEADERS	188,306	2,111	178,042	180,153	8,153	4.33%
EDUCATORS, CLASSROOM	11,758,682	1,894,981	9,809,028	11,704,008	54,674	0.46%
EDUCATORS, SPED	2,145,521	346,857	1,830,522	2,177,379	(31,858)	-1.48%
SUBSTITUTES	121,300	25,115	99,231	124,346	(3,046)	-2.51%
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS,SPED	533,127	102,496	452,713	555,209	(22,082)	-4.14%
LIBRARIANS	243,544	37,468	206,075	243,544	0	0.00%
BUILDING BASED PD	38,250	47,025	0	47,025	(8,775)	-22.94%
GUIDANCE	1,155,407	194,521	957,901	1,152,422	2,985	0.26%
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	218,397	33,600	184,797	218,397	0	0.00%
MEDICAL / HEALTH SERVICES	303,106	45,415	252,784	298,200	4,906	1.62%
ATHLETICS	574,398	152,726	397,690	550,416	23,982	4.18%
OTHER STUDENT ACTIVITIES	218,000	0	221,395	221,395	(3,395)	-1.56%
CUSTODIAL & GROUNDS SERVICES	924,129	264,904	600,641	865,545	58,584	6.34%
TOTAL SALARIES	**$ 20,589,688**	**$ 3,852,347**	**$ 16,609,507**	**$ 20,461,854**	**$127,834**	**0.62%**
EXPENDITURES						
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	44,500	9,175	0	9,175	35,325	79.38%
SUPERINTENDENT	94,000	67,504	12,112	79,615	14,385	15.30%
LEGAL SERVICES	38,000	7,500	22,500	30,000	8,000	21.05%
DISTRICTWIDE INFO MGMT	106,500	67,000	24,371	91,371	15,129	14.21%
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP - BUILDING	91,300	31,449	38,943	70,393	20,907	22.90%
GENERAL ED OTHER	23,400	1,020	1,416	2,436	20,964	89.59%
SPED SERVICES/SUPPLIES	80,500	19,809	48,119	67,928	12,572	15.62%
LIBRARIES & MEDIA CENTER	4,775	4,726	461	5,188	(413)	-8.64%
COURSE REIMBURSEMENT/PD	108,900	20,257	21,035	41,292	67,608	62.08%
TEXTBOOKS & RELATED SOFTWARE	114,200	83,455	11,531	94,986	19,214	16.83%
LIBRARY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL	29,800	9,289	9,421	18,710	11,090	37.21%
INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT	76,100	11,260	27,660	38,920	37,180	48.86%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	160,050	58,282	22,590	80,872	79,178	49.47%
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	20,700	5,730	16,602	22,332	(1,632)	-7.89%
CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONAL TECH.	203,000	129,408	69,656	199,064	3,936	1.94%
GUIDANCE	44,525	6,412	2,298	8,710	35,815	80.44%
MEDICAL / HEALTH SERVICES	6,500	2,041	138	2,179	4,321	66.48%
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	1,251,500	133,889	1,145,468	1,279,357	(27,857)	-2.23%
ATHLETICS	215,000	99,161	142,104	241,265	(26,265)	-12.22%
CUSTODIAL SERVICES	58,000	28,251	3,382	31,633	26,367	45.46%
MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS	598,000	219,720	225,242	444,962	153,038	25.59%
MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS	63,000	17,519	20,415	37,933	25,067	39.79%
UTILITIES	646,750	88,224	1,568	89,792	556,958	86.12%
ER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	833,500	809,111	0	809,111	24,389	2.93%
ER INSURANCE ACTIVE EMPLOYEES	3,519,000	1,153,832	31,956	1,185,788	2,333,212	66.30%
ER INSURANCE RETIRED EMPLOYEES	930,000	278,275	250,000	528,275	401,725	43.20%
OTHER NON EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	152,000	149,267	0	149,267	2,733	1.80%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$9,513,500**	**$3,511,565**	**$2,148,989**	**$5,660,554**	**$3,852,946**	**40.50%**
TOTAL OPERATING	**$30,103,188**	**$7,363,912**	**$18,758,496**	**$26,122,408**	**$3,980,780**	**13.22%**
DOVER OOD TUITION	1,025,000	243,481	752,314	995,795	29,205	2.85%
DOVER OOD TRANSPORTATION	350,000	36,366	232,819	269,186	80,814	23.09%
TOTAL DOVER OOD	**$1,375,000**	**$279,847**	**$985,133**	**$1,264,980**	**$110,020**	**8.00%**
SHERBORN OOD	800,000	202,848	602,844	805,691	(5,691)	-0.71%
SHERBORN OOD TRANSPORTATION	325,000	46,351	308,507	354,858	(29,858)	-9.19%
TOTAL SHERBORN OOD	**$1,125,000**	**$249,199**	**$911,350**	**$1,160,549**	**($35,549)**	**- 3.16%**

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TO: Regional School Committee
FROM: Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator
RE: FY28-FY32 Capital Project Requests and FY27 Capital Update
DATE: November 10, 2026

FY28-FY32 Five-Year Capital Plan

As both Towns begin their capital project budgets for FY28, we are presenting V1.0 of the Region's requests. At this stage, the plan remains a preliminary draft, as we have not yet initiated the cost-estimation process for the projects scheduled for next summer.

As we learned from the High School RTU replacement project, prolonged project development, bidding and delivery times make it difficult to align our timeline with the current town approval process. We have discussed this challenge with both Town Finance Committees. With this in mind, we are still presenting several HVAC related replacements for FY28 approval.

Additionally, we have added project at the High School arising from the structural issue that occurred in June. This involves masonry repairs in several sections of the building and is a continuation of the temporary repairs completed this summer. We are currently working with our structural engineers to finalize this project and its related costs.

We have meetings scheduled with the Towns' Capital Committees later in January. Prior to those meetings, we will bring forward a V2.0 of the Capital Project request for the School Committee's approval.

Status of FY27 Capital Project

Last week we completed the final walk-through of the High School Roof Restoration project. A few items remaining on the punch list, but the contractor is hopeful those will be completed by tomorrow. We are pleased to report that we did not experience any leaks despite the heavy rainfall late last week. Several enhancements were made to the roof sections where we previously faced persistent leaks to prevent future issues. This project was completed just slightly under budget.

Additional Project in the Development Phase

With outreach from the Town of Sherborn's sustainability staff, we have engaged with SolectEnergy to research the feasibility of adding solar canopies to the Region's campus. We have signed two separate Letters of Intent: one for a development in the High School staff parking lot, and a second one in the High School student lot (near the Middle School). The developers are exploring both options with the goal of moving forward with the most impactful site.

If approved, construction would begin in the summer of 2028. These agreements would involve entering into a 20- or 25-year contract. We will present a more defined project plan to the School Committee once it is available, and we look forward to sharing more information in the coming months about this exciting sustainability initiative.

DOVER-SHERBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY28 CAPITAL PLAN w/ years 2029-2033
November 10,2026 V1.0

#	Capital Item Requested	Location	Addition/ Replacement?	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	NOTES
	Masonary Repairs at High School	HS	Repairs	$60,000						Recommend repairs by Structural Engineers based on "shifting" invesitaged in June
	Rooftop Air Handling unit (HVAC - 4 units)	Lindquist	replace (2002)	$1,500,000						Lindquist RTUs - varying sizes from 20 to 60-tons - Viability of completing next summer needs to be determined
	Rooftop Air Handling Unit (HVAC)	MS	replace (2003)	$200,000						Unit serving Administration Suite (20-ton)
	AAON Rooftop units (2)	HS	replace (2002)	$170,000						Units serving the Gymnasium Locker Rooms
	AAON Rooftop units (3)	MS	replace (2003)		$300,000					Units serving Library, Choral and Music Rooms (two 10-ton and one 15-ton)
	Restroom Renovations	Region	replace			$250,000	$150,000			Updates as needed - faucets/dryers/lighting/etc.
	Classroom Floors	MS	replace			$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	Replace VCT tiles with Altro Quartz tiles
	Paving	Campus	replace		$200,000	$260,000				Campus-wide
	Boilers	MS/HS	replace				$500,000			Five Boilers between HS and MS
	TOTALS			**$1,930,000**	**$500,000**	**$710,000**	**$850,000**	**$200,000**	**$200,000**	

Other Future Projects to discuss:
Wastewater Treatment Plan - requested a 20-year capital plan engineering study
Campus-wide - carpet replacement in Admin Suites, Central Office and HS Lobbies
Replacement/Upgrade of Tennis Courts

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Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of October 13, 2026

Members Present: Jeff Cassidy
Angie Johnson
Lindsay Nie
Mary Lowder
Toa Ashk
Kevin Giordano

1) **Call to Order**

Jeff Cassidy called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Student Council Representatives - several members of the Student Council spoke the recent election for officers and the upcoming Spirit Week.

4) Superintendent Comments - Superintendent McCoy highlighted the recent Open Houses, State Rep visit, and the Tri-County Table Superintendent meeting.

5) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY27 Monthly Report as of September 30, 2026
  - Revenues - Chapter 70 and 71 revenue projections reflect the final Cherry Sheet amounts. The variance in Chapter 70 is due to increases in legislative funding in the final state budget approval (the Governor's Budget is used as the placeholder for budget development). Regional Transportation reimbursement is estimated to be 87-92%.
  - Salaries - the majority of salaries have been encumbered. Stipends have been recorded except for unfilled coaching positions. There are a few salary variances due to post FY27 staffing changes, insight into the impact of these changes will be discusses at next months meeting.
  - Expenditures - there are no projected material variances except for Transportation (diesel fuel surcharge per Bus Contract).
  - Out of District - placements are being finalized, more details will be provided at next month's meeting.
- FY26 Wrap-up - E&D certification has been submitted to the DOR. E&D is estimated to be certified at $1,000,722 or 3.07% of the FY27 Budget.

6) Discussion Items

7) Action items

8) Consent Items

- Approval of Regional School Committee Minutes - September 15, 2026
- Approval of FY27 Grants
  - IDEA - SPED 240 Grant: $282,141
  - Title I Grant: $31,612
  - Title IIA Grant: $14,000

- Title IVA - ESSA Grant: $10,000
- METCO Grant: $373,966
- Comprehensive School Health Services: $21,550
- Fair Share Earmark Grant: $50,000

- Approval of Gifts - $1,500 from the DS Boosters to pay coaches who covered supervising the weight room this summer.

Mary Lowder made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Lindsay Nie seconded.
26-17 VOTE: 6 - 0

9) Informational Items

- October Enrollment Report
- TEC Collaborative Quarterly Report - October 2026
- Dover School Committee Minutes - June 2, 2026
- Sherborn School Committee Minutes = June 2, 2026

10) Next Meeting: November 10, 2026

11) Adjournment at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis

John G. Smith, *Principal*
Timothy O'Mara, *Assistant Principal*
Ellen Rowley, *Director of Guidance*
Emily Sullivan, *Athletic Director*
Jennifer Johnson, *Special Education Coordinator*

10/14/2026

Superintendent Elizabeth McCoy

Dover Sherborn Regional School District

Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee

157 Farm Street

Dover, MA 02030

RE: Request for Approval – AP Government Out-of-State Field Trip (Close Up Washington, D.C.)

Dear Superintendent McCoy and Members of the Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee,

I am writing to formally request approval for an out-of-state educational field trip to Washington, D.C., for approximately 30 to 40 high school seniors enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) Government. Organized by AP Government and AP US educators Cassidy Donohue and Luke Prior, this trip will take place from **Sunday, March 7, through Thursday, March 11**, and will utilize the nationally recognized **Close Up** program.

This experience directly aligns with our AP Government curriculum and continues the long-standing DS Government trip legacy. Below is an overview of the trip details, educational objectives, and logistics for your review:

Trip Summary & Itinerary

- **Dates:** Sunday, March 7 – Thursday, March 11
- **Academic Days Missed:** March 8 – March 11 (4 school days). The schedule has been customized with Close Up so students return Thursday evening and resume regular classes on Friday, March 12.
- **Eligible Participants:** Seniors currently enrolled in AP Government (estimated 30–40 students).
- **Transit:** Students will fly from Logan Airport to Washington, D.C. on Sunday morning and return to Boston on Thursday afternoon/evening. Families will be responsible for transportation to and from Logan Airport.

The Close Up program provides high school students with hands-on civic experience, allowing them to examine the inner workings of federal government firsthand. Key learning experiences include:

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- **Mock Congress:** Direct engagement with peers from across the country in simulated legislative debates, civic discussions, and consensus-building exercises.
- **Historical & Civic Connection:** Guided visits to national monuments, historic sites, and the Smithsonian museums to deepen historical contextual understanding.
- **Political Literacy:** Interactive workshops designed to help students clarify their political values, practice critical thinking, and evaluate current public policy issues.

Financial Overview & Deadlines

- **Total Estimated Cost:** Approximately **$2,245 per student**, which covers round-trip air travel, lodging, program fees, instruction, and site admission.
- **Deposit Deadline:** A non-refundable **$500 deposit** per student is due by **October 27**.

This trip provides an invaluable educational opportunity for our AP Government students to see their classroom studies brought to life in our nation's capital. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if you require any additional information or documentation prior to formal approval.

Sincerely,

Principal

Dover Sherborn High School

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John Smith, Principal
Dover Sherborn High School
155 Farm Street
Dover, Massachusetts 02030

October 6, 2026

28 Greystone Road
Dover, Massachusetts 02030

Dear Principal Smith:

My husband David and I would like to make a donation to the Dover-Sherborn High School Audio-Visual Program under supervision of director Mike Sweeney.

When our Class of 2020 twins were in the spring of their senior year, the global pandemic interrupted some of the end of year goals including, for our son Tom, an A/V project to interview local veterans. The concept stuck in our minds — as did our fond memories and gratitude for the experience Tom had working with Mike Sweeney and Dover-Sherborn Cable TV director Mike Klein. He learned so much and developed proficiency and confidence in the studio, behind the camera, and on-screen. Tom and his peers brought a lot of energy to the courses in the little A/V corner of campus, and the two well-loved Mikes taught with a depth of knowledge and a convivial enthusiasm which inspired the students.

In recent years, Mike Sweeney has developed a community voices project through which students interact with and capture stories of our towns' neighbors. We would like to support that effort so that they have the freedom to purchase more cutting-edge equipment for editing and executing these efforts.

Please advise us as to the process for making the contribution and anything you need to get School Committee approval.

Many thanks to you for navigating our students and families through some challenging but rewarding episodes.

Warmly,

Erin Clarke Gorden

Enclosure

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John G. Smith, *Principal*
Timothy O'Mara, *Assistant Principal*
Ellen Rowley, *Director of Guidance*
Emily Sullivan, *Athletic Director*

To: Beth McCoy, Dawn Fattore, John Smith, and DS School Committee

From: Emily Sullivan on behalf of DSHS Football Gridiron

Date: Monday, November 2nd, 2026

Please find the enclosed check from the DS Football Gridiron for $16,335. This check should be paid out to the following four coaches as follows:

Dan Morris $4,100
Grayson Kimball $4,100
Joe Beninati $3,500
Luca Mariano $2,635
Derek Daly $2,000

These five assistant football coaches have fulfilled their coaching duties for the 2026 Fall Football season at DSHS. We thank the Gridiron for their support of the DSHS Football program. It is crucial to run a safe football program that we have more assistant coaches than allotted for in the budget, and are grateful that they are able to make up the difference in cost. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Emily Sullivan
DSHS Athletic Director

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Approved 10.20.26

Dover School Committee
Meeting of September 22, 2026

Members Present:	Jessica Hole
	Goli Sepehr (remote)
	Kate Cook
	Kevin Bielke
	Laurence Migausky
Also Present:	Beth McCoy, Superintendent
	Heather Ronan, Interim Assistant Superintendent
	Dawn Fattore, Business Manager

1) **Call to Order**

Jessie Hole called the meeting to order 6:31 pm.

2) **Community Comments -** An independent educational watchdog mentioned he has sent a public records request to the Superintendent.

3) **Superintendent Comments -** Superintendent McCoy thanked all involved for a smooth, successful opening of school.

4) **Financial Reports**

- Warrant Report
- FY26 Closeout
  - Salaries - the year ended with a positive balance of $7,390 (0.10%)
  - Expenses - there was a positive variance of $123,706 (10.43%) with the key driver being saving in SPED, Services representing the movement of outside SLP services to an educator position.
  - Out-of-District - expenses exceeded budget by $826,639 (32.39%). There were six more placements than budgeted with a total negative variance in tuition of approximately $770,000. Transportation costs were also over-budget due to the increase in number of placements.
  - Summary - overall results from operations were a positive variance of $131,095 (1.47%) from In-District and a negative variance of $826,639 from OOD resulting in a net negative variance of $695,544 (6.07%). These unbudgeted costs were offset by the Circuit Breaker reimbursement of$1,474,278 resulting in a net turn-back to the Town of Dover of $778,734.

5) **Discussion Items**

6) **Action Items**

- Chickering School Improvement Plan (2nd read)

Kate Cook made motion to approve the Chickering School Improvement Plan. Laurence Migausky seconded.
26-06 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

- Appoint METCO Liaison to the School Committee

Kevin Bielke made motion to appoint Sally Firnstein as the METCO Liaison to the Chickering School Committee. Laurence Migausky seconded.
26-07 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

7) Consent Items

- Approve Building Rental Fees
- Approve FY27 Non-Resident Tuition - $24,646 for the 2026-27 school year and that any additional support service costs be added to an individual student's tuition based on a fair share of those additional services as computed by Administration.
- Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2026 - with edits

Laurence Migausky made motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kate Cook seconded.
26-08 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

8) Informational Items

- Subcommittee Assignments
- Sherborn School Committee Minutes - May 12, 2026
- Regional School Committee Minutes - June 9, 2026

9) Items for October 20, 2026 - class size report data.

10) Adjournment at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis

Approved 10.20.26

Sherborn School Committee
Meeting of September 22, 2026

Members Present:	Bill Alfano
	Kate Manzolini (remote)
	Mason Kaye
Also Present:	Beth McCoy, Superintendent
	Heather Ronan, Interim Assistant Superintendent
	Dawn Fattore, Business Manager

1) **Call to Order**

Bill Alfano called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the DSMS Library.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Superintendent Comments - Superintendent McCoy thanked all involved for a smooth, successful opening of school.

4) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY26 Closeout
  - Salaries: the year ended with a $8,917 (0.14%) positive variance resulting primarily from net saving from post-FY26 budget staffing changes offset by negative variances in substitute expenses based on staff leaves and educational support salaries based on student needs.
  - Expenditures: positive variance of $15,184 primarily related to saving in special education services due to the level of needs of the current cohort of students offset by higher utility costs.
  - Out-of-District: activity was $265,000 over budget comprised of approximately $185,000 in additional tuition costs and $80,000 in transportation costs. Circuit Breaker Funds were used to cover the unbudgeted expenses.
  - Net Results: a positive variance of $590.
- FY27 Capital Project - the water tank replacement was completed prior to the opening of school.

5) **Discussion Items**

6) **Action Items**

- Pine Hill Improvement Plan (2nd read)

Mason Kaye made a motion to approve the Pine Hill Improvement Plan. Kate Manzolini seconded.
26-08 VOTE: 3 - 0 via roll call

- Appoint METCO Liaison to the School Committee - Kemberlie Grant

Mason Kaye made a motion to appoint Kemberlie Grant as METCO Liaison to the Sherborn School Committee. Kate Manzolini seconded.

26-09 VOTE: 3 - 0 via roll call

7) Consent Items

- Retro Approval of ACED Recommendations: Talent Show - annual 1.0 ($1,600) stipend for the Talent Show Coordinator
- Approval of Building Rental Fees
- Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2026

Mason Kaye made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kate Manzolini seconded.
26-10 VOTE: 3 - 0 via roll call

8) **Informational Items**

- Subcommittee Assignments
- Dover School Committee minutes - May 12, 2026
- Dover Sherborn Regional Committee minutes - June 9, 2026

9) Items for October 20, 2026 meeting

10) Adjournment at 5:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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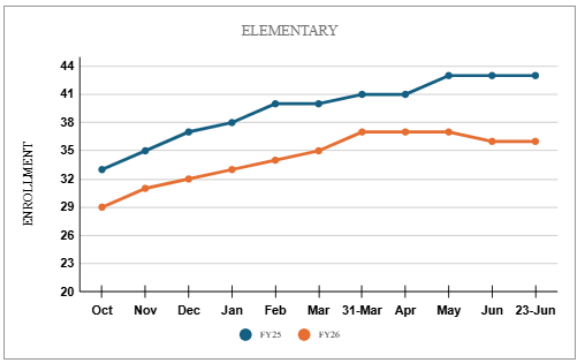
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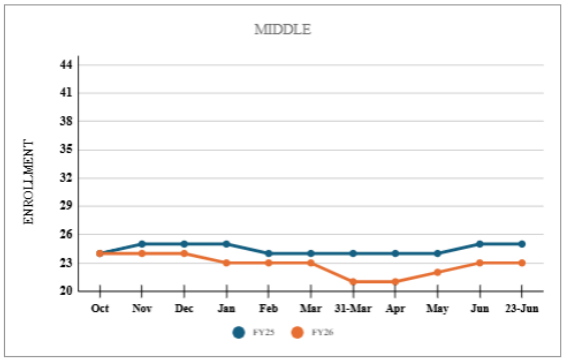
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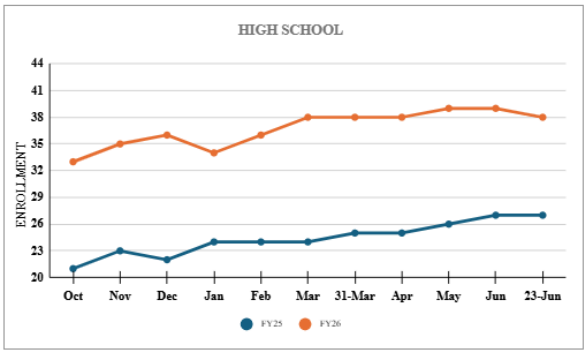
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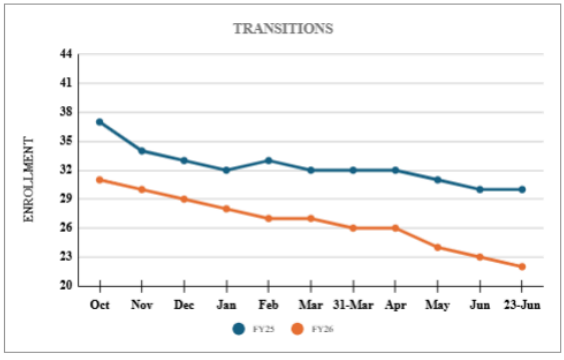
In keeping with our collaborative agreement, I am providing a 4th quarter program and financial update for our organization.

Enrollment for the 4th quarter 2025-2026 school year across ACCEPT's three special education campuses (ACCEPT Natick School, ACCEPT at Medway High School. Additionally, the preponderance of 3rd grade referrals has filled all slots in the 3rd grade classroom and a waitlist has been established. As previously reported, a continued area of concern is the Transitions program. The increased number of districts establishing their own 18-22 year old programming has resulted in a year's long decline in enrollment, with aging out students not being replaced at the same rate by new, incoming students. We have recently received approval for Adult community-based day services from the Department of Developmental Services. Not only will this help the collaborative identify a new stream of revenue, it will support many of our 22 y.o.+ students for whom adult services programming is idiosyncratic at best, and completely lacking at worst. We had anticipated that 4 students would continue on in our Transitions program from our HS program so that the beginning of the FY27 numbers will be slightly higher for transitions and slightly lower for HS. Middle School enrollment in FY 26 (which includes gr. 6-7) is slightly below that of FY 25 (which included grades 6-8).









FY 26 High School enrollment has maintained numbers this quarter and will see an 11 student increase overall in FY 26. Enrollment as of 3/31/26 is 119 students, which is close to 2% over our budgeted student count of 117.

Our transportation department continues to be plagued by turnover due to difficulty in retaining drivers and not enough drivers to meet student needs. The self-operationalized model for Transportation produced a $900K deficit that was offset through the surplus experienced by the Programming Department and FY26 ESY. The Board of Directors voted to shift the current self-operationalized transportation model to a hybrid model at the June 10, 2026 meeting. VanPool was contracted to provide transportation for all Out of District (OOD) routes while ACCEPT will provide transportation for within-district, program students (students who attend ACCEPT programs), and McKinney-Vento/Foster Care students. In all, 32 drivers and 15 monitors did not receive a successor contract. Operations have been coordinated by Eileen Christopher who has been reclassified as a Long Term Substitute Transportation Manager through June 30, 2026 and the Interim Executive Director.

Home-Based Services for the 2025-2026 school year are currently providing direct and/or consultative services to a total of 24 students across 10 different school districts. This represents an approximate 47% increase over the end of the 2024-2025 school year, when we were providing services to 17 students. We are currently unable to take anymore Home-based students due staffing constraints, and a waitlist has been established.

ACCEPT has partnered with outside Directors/Asst. Superintendents to implement the Leading Forward Academy for Student Services. This Academy combines leadership development, mentorship, and coaching with practical and authentic tasks such as writing a comprehensive entry plan and presenting the plan and its results; collaboration and project management/planning; the intersection of Bullying, Harassment and Title IX and how to support building leadership during investigations; understanding multilingual students and the impact of multi- language learning on assessment; managing out of district caseloads; budgeting; data analysis; and program evaluation. Additionally, the mandated full day workshops will be revised into half day workshops with more of the content being available through online platforms. We held our first meeting on June 4th where Martha Baaken/Weston provided Circuit Breaker training for attendees. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive from participants.

The Treasurer's FY26 Q4 report indicates that the Collaborative continues to maintain excellent cash reserves, both in cash on-hand, CD's, and investment accounts. The two investment accounts continue to grow as expected. The Operating Cash, at just over $3.5 million as of June 30, 2026 and the balance of the 4 CD's which total just over $1.1 million puts our operating cash total at just under $4.7 million. Bank reconciliation reports are up to date and are being signed and dated monthly by the Treasurer. Additionally, payments to MTRS and the state retirement system are up to date and Federal and State taxes are being paid timely with each payroll process. Please see APPENDIX A for more detailed financial revenue and expenses information for FY 2026 Q4.

APPENDIX A
FY 2026 Q4 FINANCIAL REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Summary:

Overall, FY26 revenue decreased by approximately $279,000, or 1.6%, compared with FY25, while total expenses decreased by approximately $324,000, or 2.0%.

Department-level expense comparisons are significantly affected by a change in how administrative costs were reported. In FY26, administrative costs were allocated across the operating departments, whereas in FY25 those costs were largely reported within the Admin department. This accounts for much of the 88.5% decrease in reported Admin expenses and contributes to the increases reflected across Programs, Transportation, and other departments. As a result, year-over-year changes in individual department expenses should be interpreted in the context of this allocation change rather than solely as changes in underlying spending.

Beyond the allocation impact, notable changes include a 26.4% decline in Transportation revenue, partially offset by revenue growth in Programs, ESY, Home Based, and ELI.

Personnel Expenses:

Total wages increased by approximately $381,000, or 3.3%, from $11.68 million in FY25 to $12.06 million in FY26.

Total benefit costs increased by approximately $98,000, or 10.6%, from $928,000 in FY25 to $1.03 million in FY26.

FY26 v FY25 Revenue Comparison

Department	FY26	FY25	Change	%
Programs	10,454,058	9,780,458	673,600	6.9%
Transportation	3,574,222	4,853,890	(1,279,668)	-26.4%
ESY (Summer)	1,244,476	1,106,850	137,626	12.4%
Home Based	516,904	366,412	150,492	41.1%
ELI	313,621	238,680	74,941	31.4%
Prof. Development	243,562	313,873	(70,311)	-22.4%
Medicaid	222,415	210,038	12,377	5.9%
VHS	132,255	115,420	16,835	14.6%
Admin	98,700	93,392	5,308	5.7%
Total	**16,800,213**	**17,079,013**	**(278,800)**	**-1.6%**

FY26 v FY25 Expense Comparison

Department	FY26	FY25	Change	%
Programs	8,901,908	8,259,263	642,645	7.8%
Transportation	4,817,115	4,179,971	637,144	15.2%
ESY (Summer)	778,140	712,444	65,696	9.2%
Home Based	449,756	314,799	134,957	42.9%
Prof. Development	322,737	240,791	81,946	34.0%
ELI	318,256	223,058	95,198	42.7%
Admin	261,466	2,280,027	(2,018,561)	-88.5%
Medicaid	150,193	146,861	3,332	2.3%
VHS	117,615	84,340	33,275	39.5%
Total	**16,117,186**	**16,441,554**	**(324,368)**	**-2.0%**