

The following items will be discussed at the Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education at the Durkin Administration Building on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.:

gb #4-214 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (July 22, 2014)

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motion (gb #5-93) - Mr. Foley (November 16, 2015)

Request that the Foundation Budget Review Committee's Final Report and the PowerPoint presentation be referred to the Joint Committee of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education.

Committee Members

John L. Foley, Chairman
Molly O. McCullough, Vice-chairman
Dante Comparetto

City Council Members

Morris Bergman, Chairman
Gary Rosen
Khrystian King

Representatives

Brian Allen

OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
20 IRVING STREET
WORCESTER, MA 01609

AGENDA #1

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education:

on: Wednesday, May 30, 2018
at: 5:00 p.m.
in: Room 410, Durkin Administration Building

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. GENERAL BUSINESS

c&p #2-19 - Clerk (December 12, 2012)

To consider a communication from the City Clerk regarding the City Council's Standing Committee on Education and the School Committee's Standing Committee on Finance and Operations to consider meeting jointly on a regular basis throughout the year concerning issues of overlapping interest.

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gb #7-31 - Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria (January 9, 2017)

To explore ways in which the Worcester Public Schools can encourage greater levels of student and family participation and attendance at the Veterans Day events.

gb #7-228 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (May 24, 2017)

To discuss, with appropriate officials and consultants of the City of Worcester, possible consolidation of particular departments and services of the Worcester Public Schools with those of the City.

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.
Clerk of the School Committee

ITEM: gb #4-214

STANDING COMMITTEE: **JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE AND OPERATIONS AND THE CITY
COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, May 30, 2018

ITEM: Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (July 22, 2014)

To consider the city's contribution to the Worcester Public Schools for FY16 and years following.

PRIOR ACTION:

- 7-31-14 - Referred to the Joint Committee of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education.
- 5-27-15 - **JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND OPERATIONS AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**
(Considered with c&p 2-19)
Chairman Economou and Chairman Foley both spoke about the FY16 Budget and the excellent working relationship among the City Council, School Committee, Superintendent and City Manager.
Mr. Allen made a PowerPoint presentation on the overview of the FY16 Budget as contained in Annex A of the backup for c&p #2-19.
Ms. Novick made the following motion:
Request that the School Committee forward a letter to the local delegation in support of H. 326, An Act to expand universal pre-kindergarten and S. 273, An Act improving state reimbursements for charter schools.
On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

BACKUP:

The Administration recommends that the item be filed.

PRIOR ACTION (continued)

- 5-27-15 - Mrs. Toomey requested that the Administration provide a list of who
(continued) opted into the Worcester Public Schools under School Choice and provide a breakdown of the categories such as ELL, Special Education and Regular Education.
Mr. Power offered testimony about large enrollment sizes and asked the Administration to address this issue.
- 6-4-15 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING - The School Committee approved the action of the Standing Committee as amended.
Mr. Allen made a PowerPoint presentation on the overview of the FY16 Budget as contained in Annex A of the backup for c&p #2-19.
Ms. Novick made the following motion:
Request that the School Committee forward a letter to the local delegation in support for funding of the Quality Kindergarten Grant at the House level and full funding for Charter reimbursement.
On a voice vote, the motion was approved.
Mrs. Toomey requested that the Administration provide a list of who opted into the Worcester Public Schools under School Choice and provide a breakdown of the categories such as ELL, Special Education and Regular Education.
Mr. Power offered testimony about large enrollment sizes and asked the Administration to address this issue.
Ms. Novick made the following motions:
Request that the Administration, on behalf of the School Committee, express a concern to the Foundation Budget Review Commission regarding the 4% in-district rate for special education students when the rate to educate them in Worcester is 7.9%.
Request that the Administration forward copies of gb #4-177, Annex A, of the backup from the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations from October 28, 2014.
On a voice vote, the motions were approved.
- 2-6-17 - THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND OPERATIONS AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.
Mr. Allen made a PowerPoint presentation on the Local Contribution Towards Required Spending - Fiscal 2017 Budget and Actual for 2013-2016.

ITEM: gb #7-27

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DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, May 30, 2018

ITEM: Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss McCullough/
Miss Biancheria (January 5, 2017)

Request that the Administration make a presentation on the projected FY18 Budget to the Joint Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education.

PRIOR ACTION:

- 1-19-17 - Referred to the Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education.
- 2-6-17 - THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND OPERATIONS AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION. Mr. Allen made a presentation on the projected FY18 Budget and responded to questions on it. He discussed the fact that the school resource needs are significant and urgent but exceed available revenues.
(Continued on page 2.)

BACKUP:

The Administration recommends that the item be filed.

PRIOR ACTION (continued)

2-6-17 - Councilor King asked the Administration if there is a point person, perhaps Mr. Sanders, identified on the city side to work with the legislative delegation to help with the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission.

(continued) Councilor Lukes inquired as to the costs to provide for students that have resettled in Worcester.

Mr. Allen indicated that he could identify in the budget the costs of additional services for these students who have resettled in Worcester.

Mr. Foley made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide the breakdown of Federal Grant amounts in Title I, Title III and Special Education for this year and the two previous years.

Request that the State delegation and Governor start the process for the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission.

Request that a review be made of the provisions of the McKinney-Vento Law which requires that the State reimburse the City for homeless students' transportation. The request to the State would be to provide the transportation reimbursement for homeless students directly to the school department not the City.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

2-16-17 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING - The School Committee approved the action of the Standing as amended.

Mr. Foley made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide the breakdown of Federal Grant amounts in Title I, Title III and Special Education for this year and the two previous years.

Request that the City Council support the fact that the State delegation and Governor start the process for the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission.

Request that a review be made of the provisions of the McKinney-Vento Law which requires that the State reimburse the City for homeless students' transportation. The request to the State would be to provide the transportation reimbursement for homeless students directly to the school department not the City.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:

Request that the Administration interact with the City Department of Veteran Affairs and the Veterans' Council and find out well before Memorial Day so we have a list of all of the events that are taking place for our students to take home.

PRIOR ACTION (continued)

2-16-17 - Request that the Administration provide a report in April as to the (continued) outreach it has made in order to maximize the participation of students and their families in the Veterans' activities that will surround Memorial Day in the community.
On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

ITEM: gb #8-17

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FINANCE AND OPERATIONS AND THE CITY
COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, May 30, 2018

ITEM: Administration (January 5, 2018)

To consider the findings and recommendations of the Facilities Master Plan Report as prepared by Symmes Maini & McKee Association Inc., Architects, (SMMA).

PRIOR ACTION:

- 1-18-18 - Referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations.
- 4-30-18 - STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND OPERATIONS
It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Joint Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education.
- 5-3-18 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING - The School Committee approved the action of the Standing as stated.

BACKUP:

- Annex A (3 pages) contains a copy of the Executive Summary from Symmes Maini & McKee Association Inc.
- Annex B (12 pages) contains a copy of the Worcester Public Schools Study and Master Plan

Section 1

Executive Summary

Acknowledgments

Symmes Maini & McKee Associates (SMMA) would like to acknowledge the participation and guidance provided by the district administration, facilities department, school principals and the teachers and staff of the District.

ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE TEAM

Brian Allen, Chief Financial and Operations Officer

Paul Comerford, Director of Facilities, WPS

Introduction

This report summarizes the findings of the Master Plan for the Worcester Schools Study and Master Plan. The scope includes review of 28 schools including: 24 elementary schools; 2 middle schools and 2 high schools.

STUDY TASKS INCLUDED:

Educational Assessments

Physical Condition Assessment

Master Plan Options Discussion

Cost projections for issues identified

A demographic report was provided for review. It was prepared by the New England School Development Council (NESDEC), dated 11/28/2016. The report includes city wide historical enrollment by grade levels and grade combinations, dating back from 2006-2007 school year to present. Enrollment projections are provided in a similar format through the 2026-2027 school year.

The K-12 total population projections are generally flat, ranging from a current 24,910 students to 24,781 in 2026 with a high point of 25,194 in 2022, a range of less than 300 students.

Educational Facilities Assessment: Quality of Learning Environments and Space Needs

The following information is provided for each of the schools:

- School specific data
- Floor Plans showing current use
- MSBA Comparison Plans - These floor plans graphically (by color) compare the existing room sizes with those from the MSBA Guidelines. The breakdown of spaces indicate:
 - Rooms with net square footage (NSF) 10% or more, larger than the MSBA Guidelines
 - Rooms that are close in size to MSBA Guidelines (from 10% larger to 19% smaller than guidelines)
 - Rooms that are more 20% or more, smaller than MSBA Guidelines

- Summary of Spaces - A Summary of Spaces has been developed for each school. These follow the MSBA format but are abbreviated to show the current building information and the MSBA Guidelines for a school building of similar population. Note the MSBA Guidelines are for new construction. These guidelines show the types, number and sizes of spaces desired for contemporary education. This is intended to be a quick reference for comparing existing individual Worcester schools with a theoretical model for the same number of students.
- The Rubric developed for the educational review
- A spread sheet showing items reviewed and their condition
- A narrative identifying key characteristics and issues developed from an interview with each principal along with space needs to improve educational delivery

Physical Assessment

Identification of building systems and or components for improvement or replacement; including but not limited to:

- Building Envelope; structure and systems including roofing, insulation, windows, exterior doors and cladding
- Mechanical/HVAC; present use, condition, needs & controls.
- Electrical: existing systems and distribution within each building, including, but not limited to, code violations, present lighting layout and fixtures
- Plumbing: overall condition; non-compliance with DEP regulations.
- Fire Protection: fire suppression systems including sprinklers, fuel alarms and all fire detection equipment.
- Accessibility: compliance per 521 CMR
- Site Assessment: including: landscape; educational, recreational and vehicular and pedestrian areas.

Master Plan Options

SMMA's master planning scope included 28 of the city's 45 schools. Ultimately the District Master Plan needs to take into account all schools in the school system. The schools observed by SMMA range in era - from 1879 to 1977, including 16 pre-WWII schools (18 buildings), 5 buildings of which are from the 19th Century.

Buildings were observed for: condition; size, responsiveness to contemporary educational needs and many other metrics. All buildings reviewed require, to varying levels, renovations, replacement or consolidation.

Recommendations are made by era constructed:

- Schools designed and constructed in the late 1960's - 70's with open plans: (4)
- Steel framed buildings constructed in the 1950's and 1960's: (8)
- Note: 1940's: no buildings date from the 1940's (0)
- Pre WWII schools: (16)

(see Section 3 of this report for Masterplan recommendations)

Costs

An independent cost estimator has developed costs for line items for repair or replacement of building components or systems for the "Physical Assessments". The costs are categorized by the Urgent Repair Summary, Replacement Cost and Repair Cost.

Urgent Repair summary identifies the cost for categories that were identified as inoperative in the Facility Condition Assessment. These issues should be reviewed and addressed immediately since they concern the welfare and life safety of the facilities occupants.

Replacement cost assumes a 2018 construction cost of \$435.00 per gross square foot to replace the facility with the same amount of occupied space as that individual school currently uses. It does not include demolition or relocation cost nor does it include furniture, fixtures, or other equipment that have no permanent connection to the structure of a building or its utilities. It assumes the cost of a moderate amount of site work to coincide with the limits of the field surveys.

Repair cost are based on the independent cost estimators 'Historic Unit Pricing and practical experience'. Unit cost vary from gross cost per square foot (based on building floor area) to be specific cost for specific trades or functions. Unit cost combines material, labor and equipment. Total repair cost are presented in construction cost only and excludes furniture, fixtures, or other equipment that have no permanent connection to the structure of a building or its utilities. A cost has been included for general Asbestos Abatement.

All costs in the estimate are in 2018 dollars. Prior to the execution of any work, the estimates should be escalated to the proposed mid-point of construction.

The cost estimate was developed for "Construction Costs". As projects are proposed, they need to reflect "Project Costs" to account for: design fees; testing and monitoring and other soft costs related to execution of the work. These costs can range significantly based on the nature of the work.

Examples:

1. A new or replacement school might have a 25% to 30% project cost multiplier on top of construction costs to reflect the need for furnishings and equipment; technology; survey; investigation and testing and other necessary work.
2. A technical project such as a mechanical repair or roof replacement might require a more modest multiplier.

May 30, 2018

Worcester Public Schools Study and Master Plan

SMIMA



Study Scope

- Physical and programmatic assessments: 28 Schools, 32 buildings
- Review of building systems: Mechanical, electrical, plumbing, site and architecture
- Identified deferred maintenance; systems condition; accessibility
 - Urgent Repairs
 - Repairs
- Educational Review
 - Principal interviews
 - Functional ability to serve contemporary and future needs
 - Comparison to MSBA guideline / format
- Costs

Study Schedule

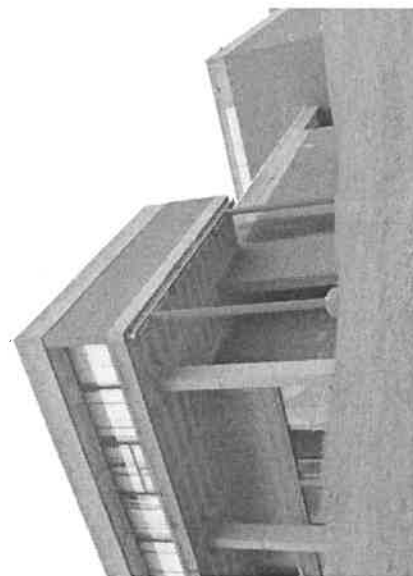
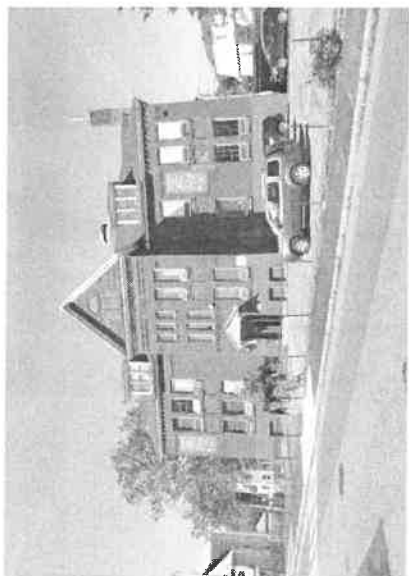
- School visits: May & June 2017
 - Building Condition Reviews
 - Educational Reviews
- Cost Estimates Fall 2017
- Report Completed December 2017

Worcester AMEP Facility Assessments Dates

Number	Start Time	Date	Address	Year Built	Vintage	GSF	Site Acreage	Type	Grades Offered	Quadrant
1	8:00	6/26/2017	114 Chandler Street	1977	1970s	37,671	1.0	ES	K-6	Doherty
2	12:00	6/26/2017	1083 Pleasant Street	1922, 1928 Addition	1920s	42,384	3.6	ES	K-6	Doherty
3	14:00	6/26/2017	300 Mower Street	1961, 1971 Addition	1960s	37,544	37	ES	PreK-6	Doherty
4	8:00	6/27/2017	75 Lowell Street	1922, 1928 Addition	1920s	27,918	1.9	ES	PreK-6	South
5	11:00	6/27/2017	265 May Street	1927, 1952 Addition	1920s	35,912	2.5	ES	PreK-6	Doherty
6	14:00	6/27/2017	115 Flagg Street	1953, 1968 Addition	1950s	43,617	9.9	ES	K-6	Doherty
7	8:00	6/28/2017	23 North Ashland Street	1971	1970s	66,651	4.1	ES	PreK-6	Doherty
8	12:00	6/28/2017	493 Grove Street	1977	1970s	35,845	6.5	ES	PreK-6	Burncoat
9	14:00	6/28/2017	18 Midland Street	1896, 1915 Addition	Pre-1900	22,113	0.6	ES	K-6	Doherty
10	8:00	7/10/2017	179 Burncoat Street	1964	1960s	144,388	38.9	HS	9-12	Burncoat
11	14:00	7/10/2017	20 Thorndyke Road	1927, 1955 Addition	1920s	43,425	5	ES	K-6	Burncoat

Building Vintages

- (4) 19th Century Schools
(119 - 139 years old)
- (16) Schools Pre-date
WWII (73 years old min)
- (8) 50's & 60's Schools
- (4) 1970's Open Plan
Schools



Long Term Recommendations

Designed / constructed in the late 1960's - 70's with open plans: (4)

- Comprehensive Renovations
- Floor plan reconfigurations - visually and acoustically separate spaces
- Building systems replacements (HVAC, electrical, plumbing etc.)
- Addition of automatic fire protection systems

Long Term Recommendations

Steel framed buildings constructed in the 1950's & 1960's: (8)

- Range in size and condition
- MSBA type feasibility studies are recommended to determine the 21st C educational viability and cost effectiveness of the buildings and sites

Long Term Recommendations

16 Pre WWII Schools; (18 buildings)

Buildings from this era should be considered for replacement and possible consolidation

Out of date with respect to codes and their ability to support contemporary education

- Undersized classrooms, poor classroom appointments
- Lack specialty classrooms
- Lack spaces to adequately support Special Education
- Lack appropriate ventilation; sufficient electrical power to support technology of the future; proper acoustics for learning
- Lack appropriate spaces to support teachers
- Lack appropriate student dining, food prep and serving facilities

Costs - Short Term Needs (repair only)

- **Urgent Repairs** – identified as inoperative systems; life safety \$70M
- **Repair Costs** (includes both)
 - Short term (0-5 years) – identified as unsatisfactory
 - 5 – 10 years – satisfactory or excellent \$306M

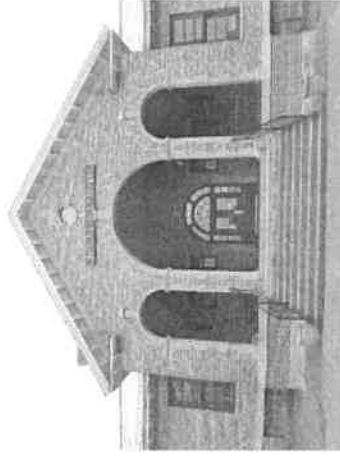
Note - Construction Costs Only

	SQ. FT./	URGENT REPAIR ONLY	REPAIR TOTAL COST	REPLACEMENT COST	FCE
BELMONT STREET COMMUNITY	92,988	\$4,796,653	\$17,589,874	\$30,449,780	0.435
BURNCOAT MIDDLE SCHOOL	147,236	\$4,490,929	\$23,783,002	\$64,073,760	0.371
BURNCOAT SENIOR HIGH	144,388	\$3,392,418	\$25,465,387	\$62,808,780	0.405
BURNCOAT ST PREPARATORY	28,255	\$1,281,573	\$7,541,992	\$12,290,925	0.614
CHANDLER ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY	102,000	\$2,944,408	\$15,179,051	\$44,370,000	0.341
CHANDLER MAGNET	37,671	\$760,197	\$7,416,312	\$16,366,885	0.453
CLARK STREET COMMUNITY	38,250	\$857,131	\$7,551,619	\$16,638,750	0.454
COLUMBIAN PARK	27,918	\$1,987,750	\$6,294,662	\$12,144,330	0.518
DEW PARK COMMUNITY	66,651	\$3,246,262	\$14,268,697	\$28,993,183	0.492
DE AGG STREET	41,617	\$1,323,808	\$6,824,888	\$18,971,395	0.360
GODDARD SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & TECH	119,972	\$3,041,731	\$22,613,243	\$52,187,820	0.433
GRAFTON SCHOOL	41,065	\$2,837,659	\$6,005,932	\$7,863,295	0.381
HARVARD STREET	23,809	\$1,371,640	\$5,195,755	\$10,353,000	0.502
LAKE VIEW	27,918	\$1,168,714	\$5,615,783	\$12,144,330	0.462
LINCOLN STREET	24,768	\$2,183,082	\$6,896,169	\$11,209,219	0.615
MAY STREET	35,912	\$2,949,752	\$7,010,460	\$15,621,720	0.449
MCGRAVE FRANCIS ELEMENTARY	35,845	\$1,342,554	\$6,387,989	\$15,592,575	0.400
MIDLAND STREET	23,113	\$2,082,392	\$6,669,346	\$9,619,155	0.693
RICE SQUARE	36,000	\$2,061,215	\$9,054,142	\$15,660,000	0.578
TAINUCK MAGNET	42,384	\$1,901,571	\$8,383,263	\$18,137,049	0.555
TIORNDYKE ROAD	43,435	\$2,712,099	\$8,284,031	\$18,888,875	0.492
UNION HILL SCHOOL	43,216	\$2,000,563	\$9,756,185	\$18,798,960	0.519
UNIVERSITY PARK CAMPUS SCHOOL	18,984	\$1,193,653	\$5,301,314	\$8,258,040	0.642
VERNON HILL SCHOOL	83,060	\$3,225,231	\$17,176,949	\$36,131,100	0.475
WAUGHAN ROAD SCHOOL	22,974	\$177,756	\$5,357,712	\$9,993,690	0.576
WEST TAINUCK	37,544	\$1,594,272	\$6,472,229	\$16,331,640	0.396
WORCESTER ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL	56,657	\$3,276,196	\$10,566,627	\$24,645,795	0.429
WORCESTER EAST MIDDLE	155,392	\$7,187,804	\$26,015,886	\$67,594,520	0.383
TOTAL	3,601,061	69,948,289	390,726,492	696,461,548	0.449

Projects Moving Forward

Accelerated Repairs

- Elm Park Community School
 - Windows & Door \$3.2M
- Lincoln Street Elementary School
 - Partial Roof
 - Windows & Doors \$3.7M
- Thorndyke Road Elementary School
 - Partial Windows & Doors \$2.5M



Projects Moving Forward - Priority

New South High Community School – In Design

Doherty High School – MSBA Feasibility Study

Burncoat High School – SOI Submitted

Worcester East Middle School – Next Identified Priority

Consider consolidation / replacement of oldest schools

Additional Short

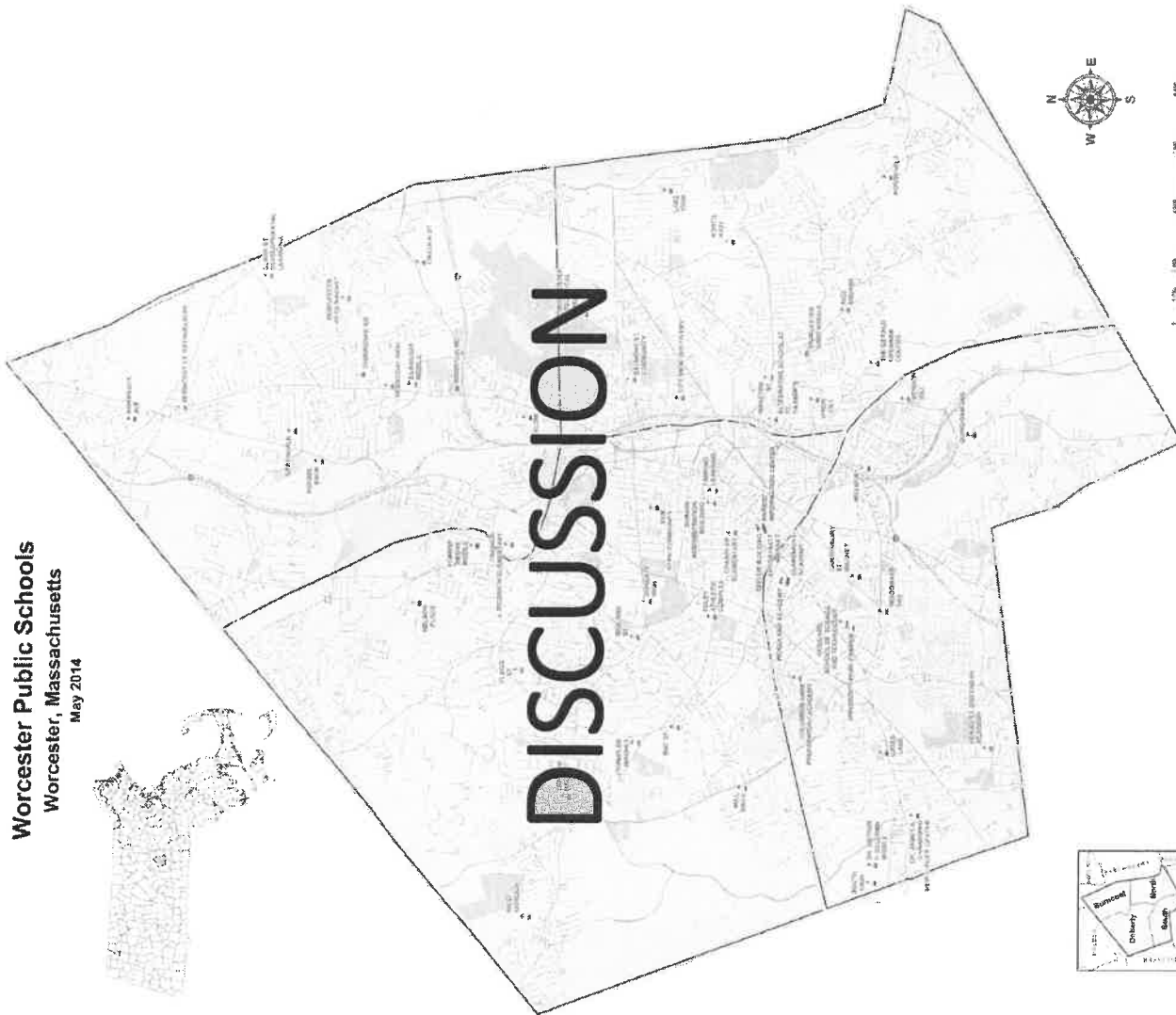
Term

Recommendations

- Furniture
 - Flexible, lightweight, ergonomic
- Technology
 - Teacher laptops
 - Student devices
 - Classroom interactive



Worcester Public Schools
Worcester, Massachusetts
May 2014



SMMA

ITEM: gb #8-72

STANDING COMMITTEE: **JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND OPERATIONS AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, May 30, 2018

ITEM: Administration (February 14, 2018)

Request that the Administration set a date to hold a Joint Meeting of the City Council's Standing Committee on Education and the School Committee's Standing Committee on Finance and Operations to discuss the FY19 Budget.

PRIOR ACTION:

- 3-1-18 - Referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations.
- 4-30-18 - STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND OPERATIONS
It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Joint Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education.
- 5-3-18 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING - The School Committee approved the action of the Standing as stated.

BACKUP:

Annex A (11 pages) contains a copy of the FY19 Budget:Recommendations included in the FY19 Budget.



Worcester Public Schools

FY19 Budget

Recommendations included
in the FY19 Budget



May 30, 2018 – Joint Committee Meeting



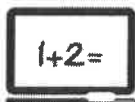
FY19 Budget Themes:



Slight Enrollment Decline
(-100 Students)



Modest Inflation Rate



**Two Foundation Budget
Formula Changes**
+ Employee Benefits / - Economically Disadvantaged
(net change -\$0.6 million)





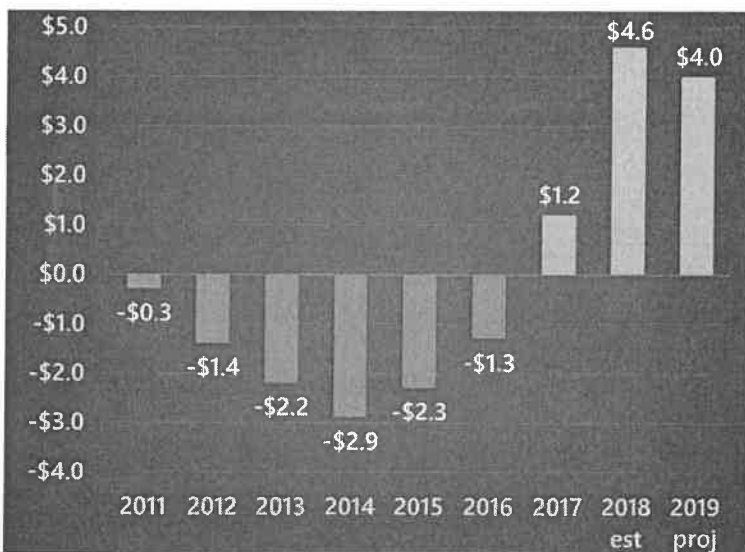
Budget Change

<u>Factor</u>	<u>\$ Change in millions</u>
▪ Inflation Factor:	\$9.0
▪ Employee Benefits	\$1.9
▪ Enrollment Change	-\$1.2
▪ Econ Disadv. Change	-\$2.5
▪ Charter Assessment	-\$0.7
Budget Change	\$6.5

(1.9%)



City Contribution History of Net School Spending





FY19 Level Service Budget:

Budget Area	Increase (\$ in millions)
Employee Salaries	\$4.0
Health Insurance (2%)	\$1.0
Retirement Assessment	\$0.6
Student Transportation	\$0.6
Tuition	\$0.5
All Other Areas	<u>\$0.5</u>
Total Level Service	\$7.2 (2.3%)



FY19 Resource Allocation:

School Leaders Request

90 Teachers	\$6.7
30 Instructional Assistants	\$1.0
13 S.A.C/Psych/WAZ	\$1.0
18 Tutors	\$0.4
4 F.I.Coaches	\$0.3
3 Guidance	\$0.2
2 Nurses	\$0.1
1 Assistant Principal	\$0.1
Instructional Supplies	\$1.0
Student Furniture	<u>\$0.3</u>
Total School Request	\$11.1



Does Not include Facilities Repair Requests

History of Budget Savings Earmarked for Instructional Services:

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Zero-based Budget and Program Savings

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FY19 Budget Additions

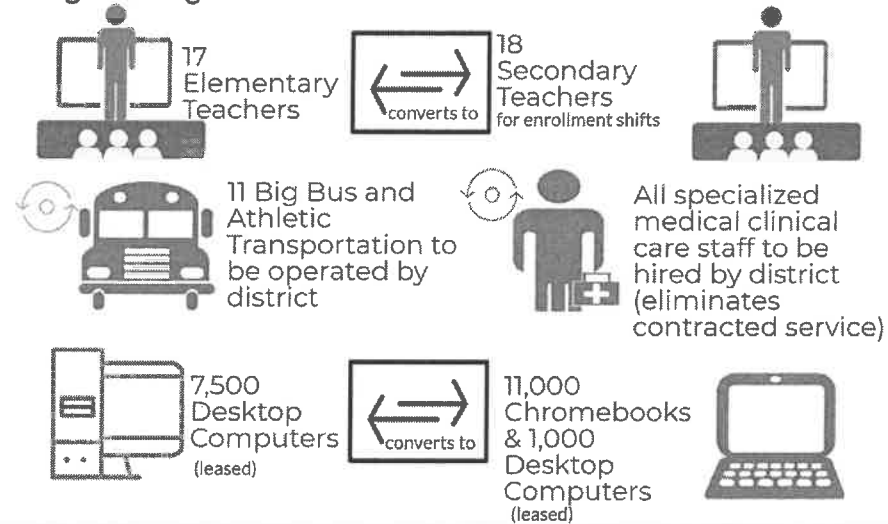
Budget Additions:

- + adds 22 Elementary Enrichment Teachers
- + adds 5 Special Education Teachers and 10 Instructional Assistants
- + adds 5 ESL Teachers
- + adds 2 School Nurses
- + adds Evening Program Coordinator at WTHS



FY19 Budget Changes

Budget Changes:



FY19 Budget Reductions

Budget Reductions:





Elementary Class Size:

Range	Current 2017-18	Projected 2018-19
<23	385	346
23-26	154	195
27-30	55	34
>30	1	2
Total	595	577
Avg. Class Size	21.3	22.1



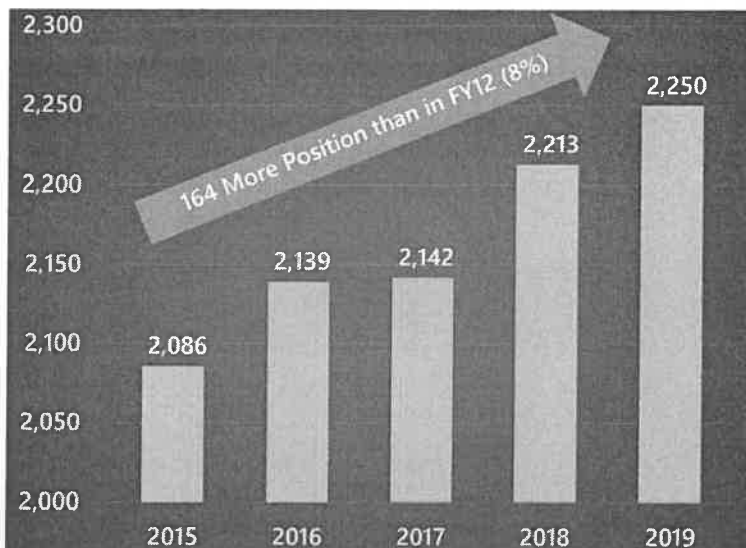
Impact:

Number of Schools with -3 Teachers: 1
 Number of Schools with -2 Teachers: 5

Number of Schools with -1 Teachers: 12
 Number of Schools with no change: 15



Teacher Positions





New Positions in FY19 Budget

- 28 Clinical Care Nurses**
- 22 Elementary Enrichment Teachers**
- 18 Secondary Teachers**
- 14 Big Bus Drivers**
- 10 Instructional Assistants**
- 5 Special Education Teachers**
- 5 ESL Teachers**
- 5 Transportation Support Staff**
- 2 School Nurses**
- 1 Evening Programs Coordinator**
- 110 New Positions in Budget**



Through new funding, program savings, position reallocations, and reductions.



FY19 State Underfunding...

Excluding Foundation Budget Change



<u>Area</u>	<u>Funding</u>
Economically Disadv.:	\$2.5
Charter School Reimb.:	\$1.4
Circuit Breaker:	<u>\$0.2</u>
FY19 State Underfunding	\$4.1

Equivalent to 55 teacher positions



Capital Projects

South High: Final Detailed Design
Doherty High: Feasibility Study
Burncoat High: Priority Project to MSBA



Legislative Priorities

- Change Economically Disadvantaged Per Pupil Amount from \$40 per decile differential to \$50 per decile.
- Continue support funding for students displaced from Puerto Rico.
- Support full & immediate adoption of the FBRC recommendations





Supplemental Funding:

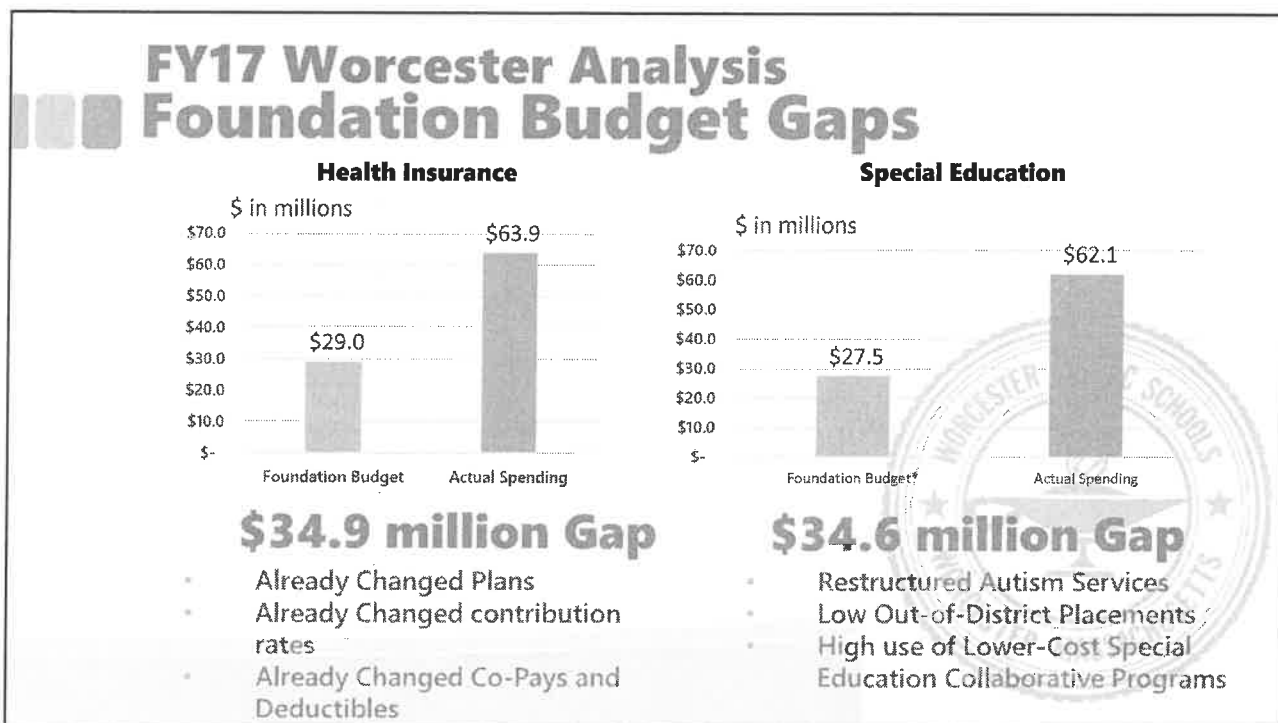
- State allocating **\$15 million** for 3,000 statewide students for FY18 and FY19.
- Worcester submitted first headcount to DESE as of 3/1/18 for **276 students**. First payment \$633,752



Supplemental Funding:

The FY19 Budget is using \$2 million of one-time funding from displaced student aid funding 27 teaching positions





Full Funding of Foundation Budget:

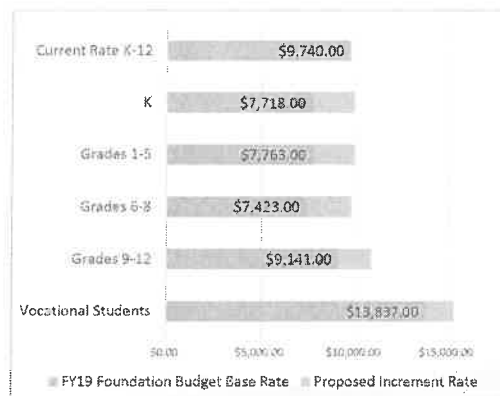
If the health insurance and special education spending gaps did not exist, the district could provide:

615 Teachers*	\$46.1 million
Building Maintenance:	\$15.0 million
Instructional Materials:	\$ 6.4 million
Staff Development:	\$ 2.5 million

* Class Size, Secondary Course Offerings, and Intervention Specialists

English Language Learners:

- Findings: Current per pupil rate differential “presents a challenge to the effective provision of services” to ELL students.
- No additional funds are provided to ELL students in vocational-technical programs



\$3.3 million more than current budget

**Worcester
 Public Schools**

Our teacher became a U.S. President

John Adams

Our student was the father of modern rocketry

Robert H. Goddard



**From here...
 Go Anywhere!**

ITEM: motion
gb #5-93

STANDING COMMITTEE: **JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE AND OPERATIONS AND THE CITY
COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, May 30, 2018

ITEM: Mr. Foley (November 16, 2015)

Request that the Foundation Budget Review Committee's Final Report and the PowerPoint presentation be referred to the Joint Committee of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education.

PRIOR ACTION:

11-16-15 - STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the Foundation Budget Review Committee's Final Report and the PowerPoint presentation be referred to the Joint Committee of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Ms. Novick made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee ask the Mayor to forward copies of both the Foundation Budget Report and the PowerPoint presentation to the local delegation and schedule a meeting to discuss them.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Ms. Novick made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide an electronic copy of the Foundation Budget Report to the School Committee.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

FILE.

11-19-15 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING - The School Committee approved the action sheet as stated.
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BACKUP:

The Administration recommends that the item be filed.

PRIOR ACTION (continued)

4-25-16 - JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND OPERATIONS AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Mr. Allen presented a PowerPoint presentation on the final report of the Foundation Budget Review Commission, as contained in the backup for the item.

Councilor Bergman made the following motion:

Request that the Chief Financial Officer of the Worcester Public Schools draft a resolution with the City Council to be forwarded to the local Legislative Delegation to seek more funding for the Worcester Public Schools by fully funding the Budget Review Commissioner's recommendations.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Councilor Bergman requested that the City Council go on record requesting that the State Legislature include in the final FY17 Chapter 70 state budget an adjustment to the 2010 skipped quarter for the foundation budget inflation factor, as referenced in the final Foundation Budget Review Commission Report, that would provide the Worcester Public Schools an additional \$12,000,000 in state aid.

4-28-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING - The School Committee approved the action of the Standing Committee as amended.

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Councilor Bergman made the following motion:

Request that the Chief Financial Officer of the Worcester Public Schools draft a resolution with the City Council to be forwarded to the local Legislative Delegation to seek more funding for the Worcester Public Schools by fully funding the Budget Review Commissioner's recommendations.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Chairman Foley and Chairman Bergman made the following motion: Request that the Administration seek a legal opinion from Attorney Moore as to whether the statute of limitations on time would preclude the entities from seeking legal action for recovering the \$12,000,000 which would have come to the Worcester Public Schools if the skipped quarter from 2010 was included in the inflation calculation.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

PRIOR ACTION (continued)

4-28-16 - Councilor Bergman requested that the City Council go on record
(continued) requesting that the State Legislature include in the final FY17
Chapter 70 state budget an adjustment to the 2010 skipped quarter
for the foundation budget inflation factor, as referenced in the final
Foundation Budget Review Commission Report that would provide
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