

Dispelling Myths About PPE

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What is PPE?

Per Pupil Expenditure (PPE) is the number reported by the State of Massachusetts for each public school district. It consists of information reported to the State by school districts and is calculated by dividing a district's operating costs by its average pupil enrollment (FTEs), which includes in-district and out-of-district spending and enrollment.

Operating Costs That Make Up PPE:

- (1) District Costs (essentially the school budget general fund)
- (2) Town Costs (Charges from the Town to the school district; made on paper only)
- (3) Grants & Revolving Funds (State/Federal Grants awarded to the district)

*District Costs are the only costs over which the School District has any control. When the School Committee and administration discuss the budget in its budget hearings, this is what is discussed. The Town Costs are determined solely by the Town of Weston and told to the district, and the dollar amounts of any Grants and Revolving Funds are determined by the entity awarding them.

Peer District Comparison

	Weston	Concord	Concord-Carlisle	Dover
District Costs	\$19,329.34	\$18,354.60	\$21,965.12	\$18,683.44
Town Costs	\$5,602.64	\$2,019.83	\$0	\$4,724.77
Grants/ Revolving Funds	\$2,107.28	\$1,123.88	\$1,369.90	\$902.82
PPE	\$27,039.26	\$21,498.31	\$23,335.02	\$24,311.03

Takeaway

Weston's Districts Costs are in line with peer districts. Our PPE exceeds those same peer districts primarily because of the two costs beyond the control of the School Committee and School Administration: Town Costs and Grant & Revolving Funds.