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TO: Cheryl Maloney
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FROM: Cynthia D. Mahr

DATE: October 10, 2014

RE: FY'16 "Budget A"

I have prepared the preliminary FY'16 budget projection – "Budget A" – as a starting point for the budget development process. Budget A incorporates the School Committee's Budget Guidelines and the Long Range Plan items identified for work in FY'16.

Base Salary

Funding includes the anticipated additional funding at the Fall Town Meeting of \$283,000. Budget A addresses the balance of the anticipated shortfall (\$119K) in classroom level mandated support.

Salaries

Budget A includes all known and anticipated collective bargaining costs. At this point, we have successfully re-negotiated contracts with five (5) of the six (6) bargaining units. We anticipate closure on the remaining contract prior to the completion of the FY'16 budget vote.

Supplies and Expenses

No inflation adjustment has been applied to the general classroom supplies and expenses.

Budget A includes the reduction of one-time expenses including:

- \$20,000 Superintendent Search contract;
- \$8,500 for custom report card; and
- \$7,250 to post custom report card to the parent portal.

We anticipate the need of \$125K to continue funding the Middle School iPad program. In an effort to reduce the FY'15 budget, we deferred the purchase of a third 71-passenger bus. We anticipate adding these funds back to the FY'16 budget. Finally, we anticipate the loss of revenue from tuitioning-in students to our High School G.O.A.L. program. In discussing utilities with the Town, we are not including an adjustment at this time. We will be looking at these more closely as we approach a final budget recommendation.

Special Education

The FY'16 projection is based on our current costs, with anticipated rate increases for tuitions and transportation and continued Circuit Breaker funding based on FY'15 receipts. The Circuit

Breaker revenue is budgeted a year in arrears to ensure we do not over-state our revenue. In FY'16 we are anticipating the continued need for additional classroom level mandated support. For the past few years, we have rolled forward unspent federal grant funds from one year to the next. As our Special Education costs continue to rise, these funds are no longer available but the services continue to be needed. We will continue to monitor this variable area.

Anticipated Program Changes

Since Budget "A" is expected to demonstrate a 'level service' budget, we have added items below the line that are beyond a level funded budget but are expected changes to FY'16. Enrollment changes in K-8 are included in this projection; enrollment at the High School will be reviewed in conjunction with the Program of Studies and budget development process. Enrollment changes are based on the SY'15-16 enrollment projection

If you have any questions about these projections I would be happy to review them with you.

Thank you.

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Projection of FY'16 Operating Budget Changes
Budget A

	Item Amounts	Sub Totals	Total Budget	Percent of FY'15 Base	Sub Total Percent Change
FY'15 Budget Voted by School Committee and Town Meeting			\$36,357,584		
Kindergarten Section			\$94,491		
Middle School Math Section			\$19,635		
Board Certified Behavior Analyst			\$72,074		
Collaborative Placements			\$96,800		
FY'15 Anticipated Budget			\$36,640,584		
Salaries					
Step Increases/Benefits per Collective Bargaining Agreements	\$1,040,174			2.84%	
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Supplies, Materials and Other Expenses					
Middle School 1:1 Project - Replacement iPads	\$125,000			0.34%	
Reduction of One-Time FY'15 Expenses	-\$35,750			-0.10%	
Replace Bus Replacement Funding	\$41,877			0.11%	
Loss of G.O.A.L. Revenue	\$66,465			0.18%	
		\$197,592			0.54%
Mandated Programs: Special Education					
Tuition & Transp. Increases Estimated at 2.5%	\$56,161			0.15%	
Classroom level mandated support	\$128,000			0.35%	
Loss of Federal Funding (IDEA Carry Forward Grant)	\$40,000			0.11%	
		\$224,161			0.61%
FY'16 Projected Change		\$1,461,927			3.99%
FY'16 Projected Budget			\$38,102,511		
Anticipated Program Changes					
	FTE	Est. Cost			
Enrollment - Grade 1	1.20	\$85,861			
Enrollment - Grade 2	(2.40)	(\$171,722)			
Enrollment - Grade 3	1.20	\$85,861			
Enrollment - Grade 6	(1.55)	(\$110,904)			
Enrollment - Grade 7	1.55	\$110,904			
Enrollment - Grade 8	(1.55)	(\$110,904)			
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FY'16 Projected Change with Anticipated Program Changes		(\$110,904)			-0.29%
FY'16 Projected Budget with Anticipated Program Changes			\$37,991,607		