

# WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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RE: FY'18 Adjusted Budget

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The FY'18 budget is \$39,272,758 for the School Department. The following chart is a summary of the budget adjustments based on my analysis of the budget.

### Summary of Changes

Category	FY'18 Budget	FY'18 Adjusted	FY'18 Variance Surplus/(Deficit)
Salaries & Other Compensation	\$34,064,930	\$33,855,383	\$209,547
Instructional Materials	\$1,238,422	\$1,250,192	(\$11,770)
Contracted Services	\$1,131,390	\$1,187,185	(\$55,794)
Contracted Student Services	\$2,895,125	\$2,737,053	\$158,072
Utilities	\$1,364,926	\$1,381,235	(\$16,309)
Equipment & Vehicles	\$628,694	\$628,694	\$0
State Aid & Account Offsets	(\$2,050,729)	(\$2,089,234)	\$38,505
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$39,272,758</b>	<b>\$38,950,508</b>	<b>\$322,251</b>
<b>Fall Town Meeting</b>		(\$193,228)	(\$193,228)
<b>Projected Budget</b>		<b>\$38,757,280</b>	<b>\$129,023</b>

Currently, I am projecting a surplus of \$129,023.

### Salary and Other Compensation:

There is a savings of \$209,547 in salary and other compensation. A majority of this surplus (\$193,228) is due to a class size reserve (\$89,642) that was not needed and the reduction of a section in Kindergarten (\$103,586). These funds will be returned to the Town at the Fall Town Meeting in November.

**Instructional Materials:**

There is a deficit of \$11,770 in instructional supplies. There are a number of small adjustments across the departments that led to the deficit.

**Contracted Services:**

There is a deficit of \$55,794 in contracted services. A search for a Director of Human Resources did not result in attracting a qualified candidate to the position. This is a critical function to the district. Therefore, the district will contract with a vendor to provide limited services for the upcoming year.

**Contracted Student Services:**

There is a surplus of \$158,072 in special education contract services. Below is a summary of the major contributors:

136-70-108 Spending Categories	FY'18 Variance
Legal Services	\$55,000
Private Placements	\$34,118
Public Placements	\$68,954

Current legal service needs are expected to be lower than budgeted. Out of district placement costs are currently less than anticipated. I meet with Special Education weekly to discuss student needs and to address funding issues, should they arise.

**Utilities:**

There is a deficit of \$16,309 in utilities. The increased utilities costs are based on known unit pricing and the experience of this past year. All accounts have been updated to reflect recent usage trends.

Contract renewal dates are:

- electric bid effective through November, 2020;
- natural gas through November, 2017; and
- diesel and gasoline through June, 2018.

**Equipment:**

There are no current changes to this category.

**State Aid and Account Offsets:**

There is a increase of revenue of \$38,505. Here are the changes:

Circuit Breaker	\$35,205	Reduced revenue
HS Athletics	\$10,000	Reduced revenue
METCO	\$88,083	Increased revenue
Solar Power Offset	\$185,460	Increased revenue

Attachment

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the Weston School Committee receive the 2018 Adjusted Budget and vote to approve the budget transfers.