

Mt. Blue Regional School District Proposed 2022-23 Budget Review

Mt. Blue Campus Forum
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
6:30 p.m.

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Presentation Agenda

- **Proposal Based upon:**
 - [Proposed ED 279](#) Funding from Maine DOE - January 18, 2022
 - Mt. Blue RSD Local Budget Development Process
 - Based on previous three years
- **Objective**
 - Adequately and appropriately fund school department programs and operations in a Fiscally Responsible Manner.
- **Strategies**
 - 22-23 Focus to maintain current level of programming and services while developing
 - The RSU 9 Strategic Plan
 - A Ten-Year Facilities & Maintenance Plan (F & M)
 - A Systemic Multi-Year Planning “Mindset”
 - Consistent with the Strategic Plan and F & M Plan
 - Following a Multi-Year Use of present/ future Fund Balance (“don’t create a cliff”)
 - Through the creation of Reserve Accounts
- **Presentation will focus on Warrant Article Cost Centers**

Regular Instruction

- **Pre-K - Grade 12 Regular Instructional Program**
- **\$11,456,873**
 - Increase of \$298,850 over FY22 Level
 - + 2.68%
- **Funding to Support:**
 - One Teaching Position for Returning Home-Schooled Students - \$65,667 (potential salary & benefits)
 - [Historical Enrollment](#), [Home Instruction](#) & [Superintendent Transfers](#)
 - Staffing #s
 - 22-23 as compared to 21-22 *Overall NO CHANGE*
 - Extended Year Program (EYP) - Summer Programming - \$29,850 (depending on extra grant funds sometimes available in the spring is problematic)
 - Contractual Wage and Benefit Increases/Changes
 - These increases are included in all cost centers
 - Projected 10% Increase in Health Insurance (rates & staff coverage changes)

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Special Instruction

- **Instructional Program for Students Pre-K - Grade 12 Identified with Special Needs**
- **\$7,588,345**
 - Increase of \$381,959
 - + 5.3%
 - Present # of identified students 410
 - Present # of new referrals 32
- **Increase Includes**
 - Additional .5 FTE Social Worker - \$40,955 (other ½ will be covered by grant funds)
 - Will allow us to bill MaineCare for this position and program for some services
 - We have billed \$214,274 YTD FY22
 - We billed \$376,070 in FY21
 - Staffing #s
 - 22-23 as compared to 21-22 + 1 Teacher/ **- 5 Ed Techs**
 - Increased support for projected [Out of District Placements](#) - \$155,000
 - Contractual Wage and Benefit Increases/Changes
- **Creation of a Reserve Account** (from Balance Forward)
 - Future Planning & Unanticipated Costs/Needs

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Foster Career & Technical Education Center

- **Career & Technical Education Programs**
- \$3,004,159
 - Increase of \$22,531
 - +0.76%
- **New Outdoor Leadership Program**
 - Total Cost \$120,590 (2/3rds offset by \$82,019 in New Program Subsidy from MDOE)
 - Staffing #s
 - 22-23 as compared to 21-22 +1 *Teacher*
- **Reduction in .25 FTE Assistant Director - (\$30,931)**
 - Some of these duties will be offset by 2 “new” Grant Coordinator Stipends - \$10,699 (total)

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Student & Staff Services/Support

- **Programs in Guidance, Social Work, Library Media Centers, School Health (Nurses), Curriculum & Assessment, and Instructional Technology**
 - \$3,047,468
 - Increase of \$97,444
 - + 3.30%
- **Increase in “new” staff PD/Onboarding support through Instructional Coaching**
 - \$70,000 in Contracted Services
 - Keeping the people we hire through better initial onboarding and PD:
 - Makes for better learning outcomes for students while also reduces student behavior difficulties!
 - Is less expensive than for us than to keep hiring and training new people!

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Other Instruction

- **Co and Extra Curricular Programs**
 - \$524,331
 - Increase of \$16,038
 - + 3.16% (negotiated agreement & supply increases)
 - Expenses Support Coach/Advisor Stipends, Supplies, Equipment, and Fees
 - Athletics
 - Co-Curricular across multiple Grade Spans

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System Administration

- **Superintendent's Office, School Board, Fiscal Services (Business Office), District Wide portion of Instructional Technology**
 - \$1,230,624
 - Overall increase of \$10,638
 - +0.87%
 - This total amount is 3.07% of the present RSU 9 Budget Draft
 - "Highly Efficient System Administrative Offices at 4%" (Jim Rier, Maine DOE)

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System Administration - Cont.

- **Total Budget 2320 - Superintendent's Office**
 - \$288,472 - Increase of \$47,856
 - Restructuring of Positions
 - Director of Communications & Internal Operations
 - Receptionist (increase by .5 FTE Supt Office (\$20,890))
 - Staffing #s
 - 22-23 as compared to 21-22 + .2
 - Increase of \$9,460 for increased communication functions and activities
 - Such as:
 - Staff appreciation, recognition, and longevity awards - \$5,200
 - Marketing/branding/supplies - \$2,100
 - Professional development, travel, dues/fees - \$2,340

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System Administration - Cont.1

- **Total Budget 2500 - Fiscal Services**
 - \$510,198 - Decrease of -\$11,705
 - Restructuring of Responsibilities to Plant/Operations
 - Business Manager \implies Director of Finance/Operations
 - 75% Finance - 25% Moved to Operations (\$26,025)
 - New Business Office Assistant (\$18,565 - net increase)
 - Support in All Aspects of Fiscal Services
 - Including six to twelve month changeover from ADS to Infinite Visions
 - Staffing #s
 - 22-23 as compared to 21-22 +.5
 - Restructuring from fiscal office to Maintenance & Operations and cash in lieu instead of insurance for Human Resources position
 - For non-staffing areas we took a 3 Year Average of Annual Budgeted Items

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System Administration - Cont.2

- **Total Budget 2310 - School Board**
 - \$143,605 - Increase of \$9,025
 - Major Cost Driver - Increase in Other Professional Services
 - Audit, Legal Fees, Negotiations

- **Total Budget 2580 - Instructional Technology**
 - \$288,079 - Decrease of -\$34,538
 - Restructuring of Technology Services to a Help Service Delivery Model
 - Transferred one position from Technology Admin (2580) (former staff member) to IT Program 2230 to Support Restructuring and New Delivery Model

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School Administration

- **School Building Level Administrative Offices (Principals and Administrative Assistants)**
- **All Elementary (5), Middle (1), and High (1) Schools**
 - \$1,699,720
 - Increase of \$123,862
 - + 8.01%
 - **Contractual Increases for Wages, Benefits & Coursework**
 - Building Administrators (8.5)
 - Administrative Assistant Support (12 & 3/4) (new support staff contract major driver of this overall increase)

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Plant Maintenance and Operations

- **All Aspects of Custodial and Maintenance Operations**
 - \$4,873,581
 - Increase of \$577,690
 - + 13.45%
 - Includes Major Projects
 - Flooring at MBHS - \$66,000
 - Roof Replacement at Cushing - \$145,000
 - Roof Repair at Academy Hill - \$92,000
 - \$150,000 Architectural and Engineering Studies at GDC, AHS, CCHS, WGM, CBS, MBMS (one time cost)
 - \$80,000 In Heating Costs
 - FY23-24 - Restore Community Bidding Process with our Towns
 - Creation of Capital and Fuel Reserve Accounts from Unallocated Fund Balance

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Plant Maintenance and Operations- Cont.

- **Restructuring of Responsibilities and Fiscal Impact**
 - Elimination of Director of Support Services Position
 - Replaced with **Re-Structured** Positions
 - Director of Transportation/Custodial Services
 - 75% Transportation and 25% Custodial/Operations
 - Director of Finance and Operations
 - 75% Business Office (Finance) and 25% Operations
 - Maintenance Supervisor
 - Custodial Supervisor
 - [Net Budget Reduction](#) in Salaries/Benefits of **\$17,258**
 - Staffing #s
 - 22-23 as compared to 21-22 + 1.5

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Historical Per Pupil Cost #s

- 2 year old Per pupil Costs
 - [PK-8 Operating Cost Comparison of 'like' Districts](#)
 - [9-12 w/CTE Per Pupil Cost Comparison of 'like' Districts](#)
 - [9-12 without CTE Per Pupil Cost Comparison of 'like' Districts](#)

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Student Transportation

- **All Aspects of Student Transportation Services**
- **\$2,583,663**
 - Increase of \$97,901
 - + 3.94%
 - 25% of Transportation Director Salary moved to Custodial Services
 - \$54,000 increase in Transportation Fuel
 - Increase of a Part-Time School Year only Driver to a 1.0 FTE Year Round Driver

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Debt Service

- **Existing Expenses for Project Related Debt Service**
 - \$4,072,831
 - Decrease of \$430,327 or 9.56%
 - These funds are being used to cover the added expense of the following major capital projects or one-time costs
 - Flooring at MBHS - \$66,000
 - Roof Replacement at Cushing - \$145,000
 - Roof Repair at Academy Hill - \$92,000
 - Architectural and Engineering Study - \$150,000

[*Historical Debt Chart](#)

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Other Expenditures (School Nutrition Program)

- **School Nutrition/Food Service Program**
- **Participation in National School Lunch Program (NSLP)**
 - Has increased program revenues to combat high costs in food costs (supply chain concerns)
- **Meal Debt \$41,052**
 - Increase of \$35,552 to Pay Off Existing Meal Debt (Bad) as Required by Auditor
 - Typically Self-Sustaining Program
 - One Year Request to Remove Debt
 - These are not new expenses but funds previously expended (2019 and before) to produce and serve meals to students, from unpaid student/family accounts.

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Adult Education Program

- **All Aspects of Adult Education Programming**
 - \$508,652
 - Increase of 20,380
 - Teaching staff have now earned certification
 - +4.17%
- **Contractual Wage and Benefit Increases**
- **Local Assessment**
 - \$238,290 an increase of \$14,837 above the FY22 local assessment

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FY22 to FY23

- **Overall Budget**
 - \$40,092,647
 - Increase of \$1,232,138
 - + 3.17% (Overall budget)
- **Local Assessment Share**
 - \$13,877,628
 - ***Increase of \$185,879 or 1.36% (Including Adult Education)***
 - Historical Local Share Comparison

■ FY22 - +2.97%	FY18 - (-2.06%)
■ FY21 - (-1.69%)	FY17 - (-2.10%)
■ FY20 - +.027%	FY16 - +7.65%
■ FY19 - +6.25%	FY15 - +12.64%

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Moving Forward

- **Fund Balance Usage and Planning**

- We need to plan strategically for our present and future unallocated Fund Balance over the next 5 years
- From the June 30, 2020 Audit after the application of \$1,200,000 to offset expenditures for the FY 22 Budget, the projected balance is \$2,876,000

- **Create Reserve Accounts (from Unallocated Fund Balance)**

- Special Education - \$350,000
- Capital Reserve - \$300,000
- Fuel - \$100,000
- *Instructional Technology - \$300,000 (from sale of used ipad/laptops)

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Moving Forward - part 1.

- **ESSER Funding**

- Supplement vs. Supplant (Use Consistent with Federal and State Grant Regulations)
- Some positions and stipends will not be part of 22-23 Staffing
 - Intervention teacher at MBMS, some tutors and stipend pay district-wide

- **Strategic Plan and 10 Year Maintenance Plan**

- Will Guide Development of Future Mt. Blue RSD Budgets

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Links of Interest and Reference

- [Proposed ED 279](#) - slide 1
- [Historical Enrollment](#) - slide 2
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