



# October 14, 2021 Special Budget Hearing

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When State Adequacy Increases  
After School Budgets Are Finalized RSA 197:3-a



# Why Do We Have an Increase in State Adequacy Aid?

## Calculating Average Daily Membership (ADM) for FY 2022


The ADM used for FY 2022 is calculated by comparing school year 2020-2021 ADM and school year 2019-2020 ADM, and selecting the **greater of the two ADM numbers**.

This comparison will occur for the Base ADM multiplied by the rate of **\$3,786.66**, the F&R ADM multiplied by the rate of **\$1,893.32**, the SPED ADM multiplied by the rate of **\$2037.11**, and the ELL ADM multiplied by the rate of **\$740.87**. For the 3rd Grade reading ADM multiplied by **\$740.87**, the ADM will be calculated by selecting the **grader ADM when comparing school year 2020-2021 and school year 2018-2019**. (increase of **\$299,688**)

Relief Aid: The Relief Aid grant is an **additional grant** for municipalities based on the percentage of F&R eligible ADM relative to the total ADM. At 48 percent F&R eligible, the grant amount reaches a maximum of \$600 per F&R ADM. The Relief Aid Grant is prorated to \$17.5 million based on each municipality's percentage of the statewide Relief Grant award as initially calculated. (increase of **\$247,502**)

**Total Increase \$547,190.00**

## Two Options Available for School Districts When State Adequacy Increases After School Budgets are Finalized

FAQ	Option # 1  Call a Special Meeting for Change in Ed Funding	Option # 2 Apply Revenue as a Credit During Local Tax Rate Setting Process
What is the purpose or outcome of this option?	Allows Districts to appropriate & spend the increase if approved by voters.	As a default outcome, not pursuing RSA 197:3-a will automatically reduce tax assessment for the upcoming year.
What is the process?	Unlike the normal special meeting process, Districts <u>do not</u> have to either achieve at least 50% voter turnout or petition the superior courts to appropriate and spend funds. (RSA 197:3-a)	No specific process. Increased State revenue is reported on the DOE-25
Any other considerations the District should know when implementing an option?	Under SB2, the Board may elect to deliberate and vote on the same day (traditional meeting) RSA 197:3-a I.	Applying a large increase in State revenue against tax assessment may create a <u>temporary decrease</u> in tax rate which could be followed by a 'spike' in the tax rate. This involves voter education so that the tax spike is not a surprise.

# The WMRSD Board Recommends Appropriation to Trust Funds

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Plow Truck Capital Reserve Fund \$ 50,000

(current balance \$ 0)

Buildings & Grounds Expendable Trust Fund \$ 497,190

(current balance \$ 836,439)

# Change in Tax Rate - No New Appropriation

Town	Estimated Rate with Old Adequacy Aid	With No Appropriation of New Adequacy Aid	Change
Carroll	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.25	\$ 0
Dalton	\$ 14.56	\$ 14.07	( \$ 0.49 )
Jefferson	\$ 13.69	\$ 13.35	( \$ 0.34 )
Lancaster	\$ 10.53	\$ 9.39	( \$ 1.14 )
Whitefield	\$ 11.58	\$ 10.96	( \$ 0.62 )

# Change in Tax Rate - Plow Truck Appropriation

Town	Estimated Rate with Old Adequacy Aid	With \$ 50,000 Appropriation for New Plow Truck	Change
Carroll	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.28	\$ 0.03
Dalton	\$ 14.56	\$ 14.14	( \$ 0.42 )
Jefferson	\$ 13.69	\$ 13.39	( \$ 0.30 )
Lancaster	\$ 10.53	\$ 9.46	( \$ 1.07 )
Whitefield	\$ 11.58	\$ 11.01	( \$ 0.57 )

# Change in Tax Rate - Bldgs/Grnds Appropriation

Town	Estimated Rate with Old Adequacy Aid	With \$ 497,190 Appropriation for Bldgs/Grounds	Change
Carroll	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.49	\$ 0.24
Dalton	\$ 14.56	\$ 14.70	\$ 0.15
Jefferson	\$ 13.69	\$ 13.82	\$ 0.13
Lancaster	\$ 10.53	\$ 10.03	( \$ 0.50 )
Whitefield	\$ 11.58	\$ 11.48	( \$ 0.10 )

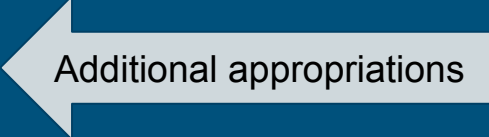
# Change in Tax Rate - Both Appropriations

Town	Estimated Rate with Old Adequacy Aid	With Appropriation of Full Amount	Change
Carroll	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.52	\$ 0.27
Dalton	\$ 14.56	\$ 14.77	\$ 0.21
Jefferson	\$ 13.69	\$ 13.86	\$ 0.17
Lancaster	\$ 10.53	\$ 10.10	( \$ 0.43 )
Whitefield	\$ 11.58	\$ 11.53	( \$ 0.05 )



# Why Does Carroll's Tax Rate Change if the Town Doesn't Get Adequacy Aid?

School District Budget



Additional appropriations

- Non-tax revenue that is not town-specific

Amount allocated to towns

- Town-specific revenue including adequacy aid

Net Education Tax per Town

## 2nd year 'spike' in tax increase

Town	FY2022 with No Appropriation of New Adequacy Aid	FY2023 Estimated Tax Rates	Year-to-Year Estimated Increase
Carroll	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.25	\$ 0
Dalton	\$ 14.07	\$ 14.18	\$ 0.11
Jefferson	\$ 13.35	\$ 13.55	\$ 0.20
Lancaster	\$ 9.39	\$ 10.10	\$ 0.71
Whitefield	\$ 10.96	\$ 11.24	\$ 0.28

# Recently Completed Projects

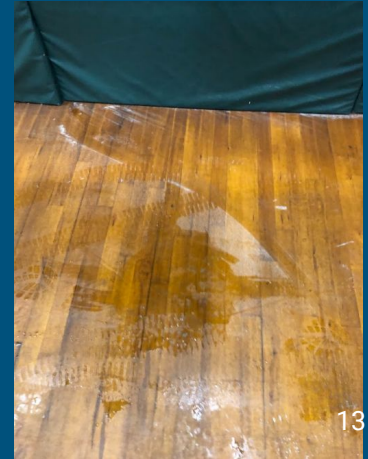
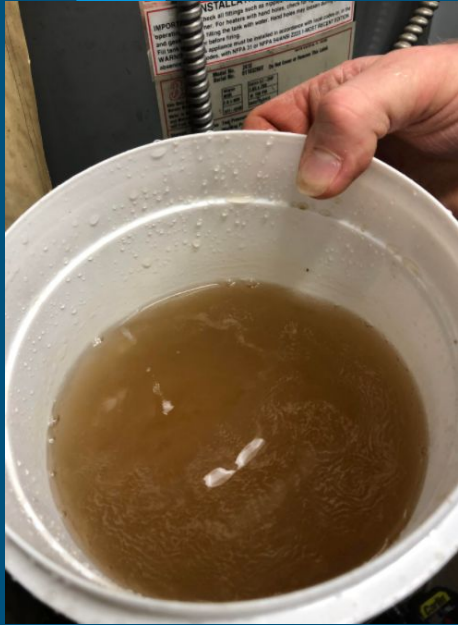


# Projects over the last 2 years and how we funded them

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LES Preschool Bathroom Expansion	\$ 96,425 B&G Trust
WMRHS Softball/Baseball Backstop	\$ 24,411 B&G Trust
WES Gym Folding Wall	\$ 95,325 Life/Safety
LES Roof and Trim	\$404,900 B&G Trust
WMRHS Well Pumps	\$ 58,558 B&G Trust
WES Water Filtration	\$ 38,760 B&G Trust
WMRHS and WES Flat Roofs	\$223,293 B&G Trust
2021 Ford F-250 Plow Truck	\$ 46,623 Plow and Local

# Capital Needs



# Proposed capital improvement projects

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LES Boilers (Both 27 Years Old)	Approx. \$395,000
WMRHS Gym HVAC	Approx. \$675,000
WMRHS Rooms 116-118 HVAC	Approx. \$118,000
WES Domestic Hot Water	Approx. \$60,000
WMRHS Bathrooms	Approx. \$454,000
WES/LES Playgrounds	Approx. \$ TBD (Currently being evaluated)
2021 GMC Plow Truck	Approx. \$47,000
WES HVAC/Dehumidification	Approx. \$2,278,000
WES Gym Water Issue	Approx. \$ TBD (Currently being evaluated)



# Voting on November 10, 2021 Preceding the Regular School Board Meeting

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White Mountains Regional High School Auditorium

5:30 Special Meeting

6:30 School Board Meeting

