



Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Hearing

Teaching and Learning with Purpose

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&

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Vision Statement: Achievements

- Regional Agreement Amendment Committee Work Completed & Approved by DESE in July 2019. *Thank you!*
- Fiscal Year Audit completed.
- Legal matters addressed and/or in process per MGL (presently, \$59K)
- SEBRSD Enrollment Update:
 - 1411 and climbing; 11 more since September 2019;
 - School Choice back down to 2014-2015 level.
- “Strategy for District Improvement ”created in July 2019.
- Vision articulated years ago to have our students...

“College, Career & Life Ready!”

Today's Situation

- **Tonight's budget request extends our investment in a sound educational system by:**
 1. *Whole Child Focus*: Maintaining class sizes that support optimal student learning.
 2. *Professional Learning*: Providing for a comprehensive curriculum (PreK-12); & Investing in training to support our faculty.
 3. *Innovation & Responsiveness*: Providing textbooks, technology/chromebooks & instructional materials to support the classroom, instruction and assessment needs as mandated, ie. MCAS CBT 2020.

How Did We Get Here?

- FY21 Budget Snapshot reviewed by Gary Suter.

Challenges

- SEL/Trauma
- Special Education Costs
- Contractual obligations

Opportunities

- Foundation Budget – Special education, ELL, health care \$
- (Out of district & in district) transportation
- Expanded partnerships with FREC & WSU
- Attrition
- Constantly seeking effectiveness and efficiencies as mentioned earlier.

Town Seal & Budget Recommendation Requested

- Town Seal says, “Look to the Future!”
- With your help, support and continued investment, we at SEBRSD are definitely working to make the future a reality.
- We are focused upon *teaching and learning with purpose!!*