


# Presenting a School Budget

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## Background

- Andrew Paquette – President of The Management Solution, currently the business manager for Ware, Granby and Easthampton Public Schools
- Chris Desjardins – Former Ware school committee member (10 years), currently the business manager for Hadley Public Schools, Assistant Business Manager for Easthampton and East Windsor, CT Public Schools

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## Program overview

- We will use examples of reports used in our districts' budget presentations
- We will give examples of information that is important for you to receive
- We will give examples of questions you should be asking
- We will explain Net School Spending

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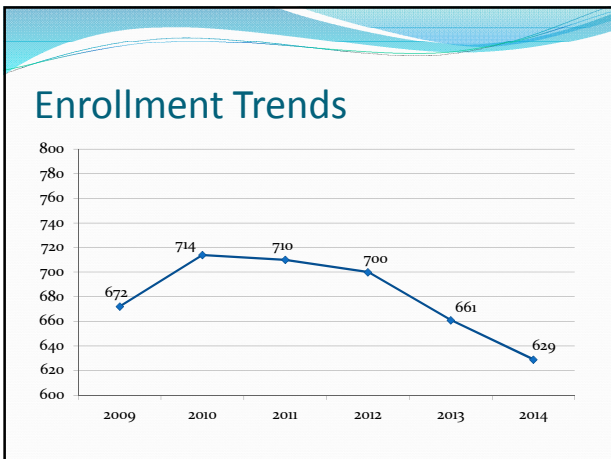
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### Per Pupil Spending

Year	Hadley*	State Avg.*
2006	\$9,856	\$11,210
2007	\$9,725	\$11,858
2008	\$9,698	\$12,448
2009	\$9,720	\$13,006
2010	\$10,141	\$13,055
2011	\$9,770	\$13,361
2012	\$11,268	\$13,636
2013	\$11,218	\$14,000

\*Source: Both Hadley and State Average figures taken from MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (this assures an apples-to-apples comparison)

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### Sample budget page

Account Description	FY10 Total Budget	FY13 TOTAL Expenditures	FY14 Total Budget	FY14 TOTAL Expenditures	FY15 Local Budget	FY16 Fiscal Bk. Grants, etc.	FY16 From Revolving	FY16 Total Budget	FY16 Note and Budget Account Details
Maintenance of Buildings									
Maintenance Heating - District	25,000.00	14,157.59	1,000.00	402.36	1,500.00	500.00		500.00	
Maintenance Heating - Elementary	0.00	360.00	0.00	8,257.16	6,000.00	6,000.00	400.00	12,000.00	General repairs plus known issues
Maintenance Heating - Secondary	0.00	3,918.15	0.00	16,767.83	11,000.00	12,000.00		23,000.00	Backflow preventers (21/year), leaks, etc.
Maintenance Plumbing - District	5,000.00	5,469.09	1,000.00	347.78	750.00	500.00		1,250.00	Backflow preventers (21/year), vandalism, leaks, etc.
Maintenance Plumbing - Elementary	2,000.00	1,766.70	4,000.00	1,233.48	3,000.00	2,800.00	120.00	6,000.00	Backflow preventers (21/year), vandalism, leaks, etc.
Maintenance Plumbing - Secondary	5,000.00	1,919.32	6,000.00	3,789.23	5,000.00	5,000.00		10,000.00	Backflow preventers (21/year), vandalism, leaks, etc.
Maintenance Electrical - District	5,000.00	4,702.09	5,000.00	1,175.59	500.00	500.00		1,000.00	
Maintenance Electrical - Elementary	1,200.00	17,026.05	3,000.00	692.26	5,000.00	2,800.00	120.00	8,000.00	
Maintenance Electrical - Secondary	2,000.00	1,939.33	5,000.00	4,346.22	8,000.00	8,000.00		16,000.00	
Maintenance Other General - District	50,000.00	38,615.85	22,500.00	20,723.69	13,250.00	18,500.00	400.00	21,000.00	
Maintenance Other General - Elementary	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,292.16	6,822.00	6,840.00	360.00	13,000.00	
Maintenance Other General - Secondary	0.00	1,161.93	0.00	6,940.36	3,550.00	8,000.00		11,000.00	Painting of line painting
Maintenance Supplies/Materials - District	7,000.00	4,121.25	8,000.00	4,272.91	8,000.00	8,000.00	100.00	16,000.00	Cleaning supplies, paper/towels for bathrooms, etc.
Maintenance Supplies/Materials - Elementary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Maintenance Supplies/Materials - Secondary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	

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We are submitting a fiscally responsible, conservative budget that maintains current programming. We have not added new programming – any increases in the budget are a result of unavoidable cost increases to maintain service.

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### Level Funded vs. Level Program

- A level funded budget allows the same spending amount as the previous year
- A level program budget allows for the same programs (staff, resources) as the prior year, **allowing for cost increases to be included in the budget**
- With few exceptions, a level funded budget is not a realistic option if programming is to remain at the same level
- Reduced programming hinders the ability to attract choice-in students and increases the likelihood the district's own students will choice out

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### Budget Source Summary

Dollar Amount	Description
\$7,052,052	Total Level Programming Budget
(\$32,591)	Less: Revolving Account Money Used
(\$500,000)	Less: School Choice Money Used
(\$417,597)	Less: Projected Grant/Circuit Breaker Money Received
\$6,101,864	Total Local Contribution (includes est. \$938,254 Chapter 70 State Aid)

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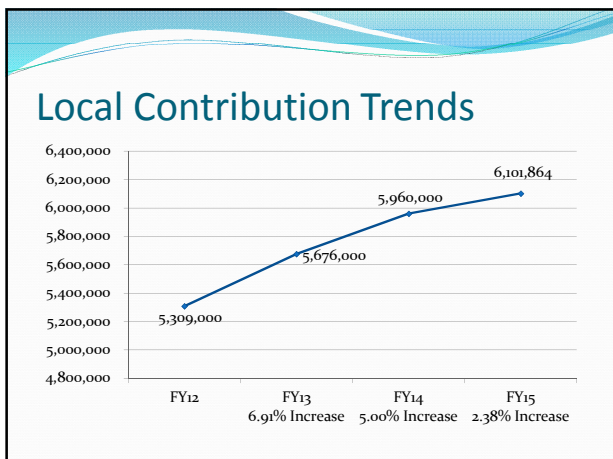
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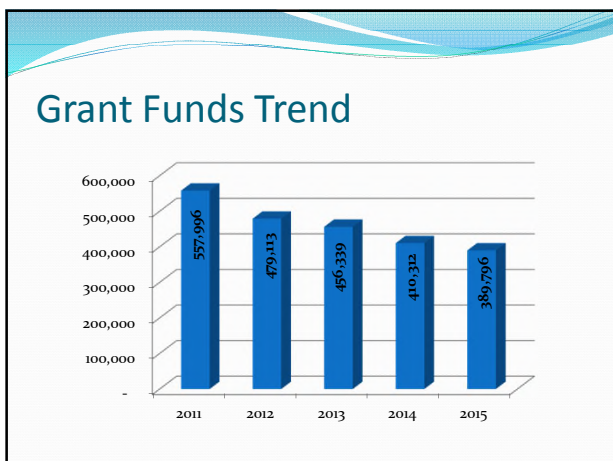
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### School Choice Funds Projections

Beginning Balance 7/1/14	\$795,090.62
Projected State Distribution FY15	\$375,000.00
less: Projected use FY15	\$500,000.00
Projected Ending FY15 Balance (6/30/15)	\$670,090.62

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### What are School Choice Funds for?

- A funding source to maintain critical educational needs in jeopardy due to budget cuts (dangerous because if the school choice funds run out, programs will be eliminated)
- Protection for the town from the school district coming back looking for additional funding in the event of unplanned expenditures
- A funding source to cover catastrophic events such as grant funding cancellation, unexpected increase in SPED tuition, etc.

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### Other considerations

- Class size trend
- Funded or unfunded mandates that affect the budget
- Historical program changes (cuts and additions)
- Potential future program changes
- Facilities needs
- Additional separate planned school warrant articles

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### Net School Spending – What is it?

- Net School Spending expenses are what a community “gets credit for” in meeting the requirements of education reform.
- The category of expenses includes correlating expenses that are paid for the school district by the town. (commonly called “indirect costs” OR “schedule 19 expenses” OR “in-kind expenses.”)

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## Net School Spending – How is it determined?

- THE AGGREGATE WEALTH MODEL: The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has gradually implemented changes in the “funding formula” used since the inception of the Education Reform Act of 1993.
- The calculation takes into consideration two major components: (a) A community’s ability to pay – based on property valuation and community income components; and (b) The Chapter 70 Aid.
- The calculation of the Community’s Ability to Pay (Required Local Contribution) + Ch. 70 Aid (less the reductions described) = Minimum Net School Spending

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