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[requires a second]




## Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee



### **School Committee Members**

- Diane Baum
- Michael Bo
- Mary Brolin
- Adam Klein
- Ginny Kremer
- Amy Krishnamurthy
- Tessa McKinley
- Maya Minkin
- Paul Murphy
- Angie Tso
- Eileen Yi Zhang



 **Highlights 2018-19: Elementary Schools** 

Merriam School

McCarthy-Towne



C.T. Douglas School




Blanchard Memorial School



Paul P. Gates School



Luther Conant School



 **Budget Driver: District Goals** 

**Understand and respond to our students' social & emotional needs.**

**Provide equitable opportunities and tools to learn.**

**Access to safe and effective learning environments.**








## Budget Driver: District Values

Wellness


Equity

Engagement





## Appropriated Budget History Since Full Regionalization

Fiscal Year	Total Regional Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase
FY2015	\$77,100,514		
FY2016	\$80,296,395	\$3,195,881	4.15%
FY2017	\$83,073,204	\$2,776,809	3.46%
FY2018	\$86,090,491	\$3,017,287	3.63%
FY2019	\$88,721,492	\$2,631,001	3.06%
<b>FY2020</b>	\$90,982,111	\$2,260,619	<b>2.55%</b>




## Acton Assessment FY2018-2020




Fiscal Year	Acton Assessment	\$ Increase	% Increase
FY2018	\$57,730,056	\$2,182,959	3.93%
FY2019	\$59,981,958	\$2,251,902	3.90%
<b>FY2020</b>	<b>\$61,235,254</b>	<b>\$1,253,296</b>	<b>2.09%</b>



## Drivers of Fiscal Health: Revenue Sources



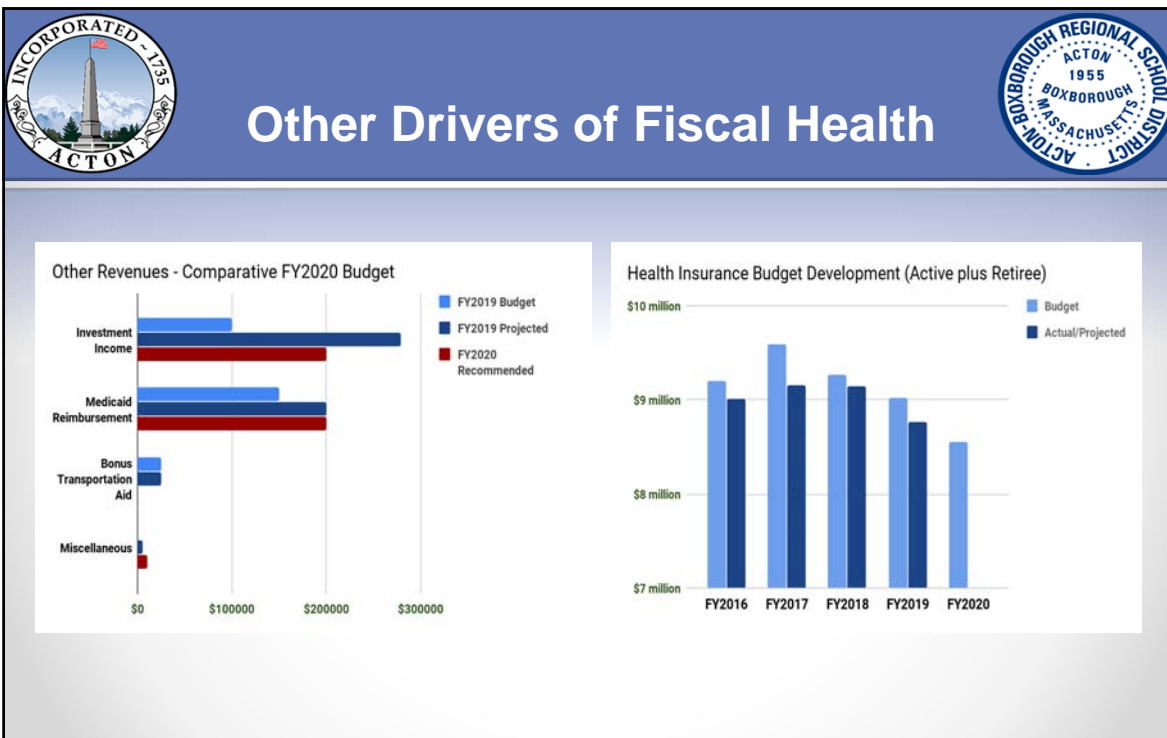
  
  

### Chapter 70 Funding Trend

Fiscal Year	Budget Estimate	Actual (Cherry Sheet)
FY2016 (+\$25 pp)	\$14.2 million	\$14.5 million
FY2017 (+\$55 pp)	\$14.8 million	\$15.0 million
FY2018 (+\$30 pp)	\$15.0 million	\$15.2 million
FY2019 (+\$30 pp)	\$15.2 million	\$15.5 million
FY2020 (+TBD pp)	\$15.2 million	-

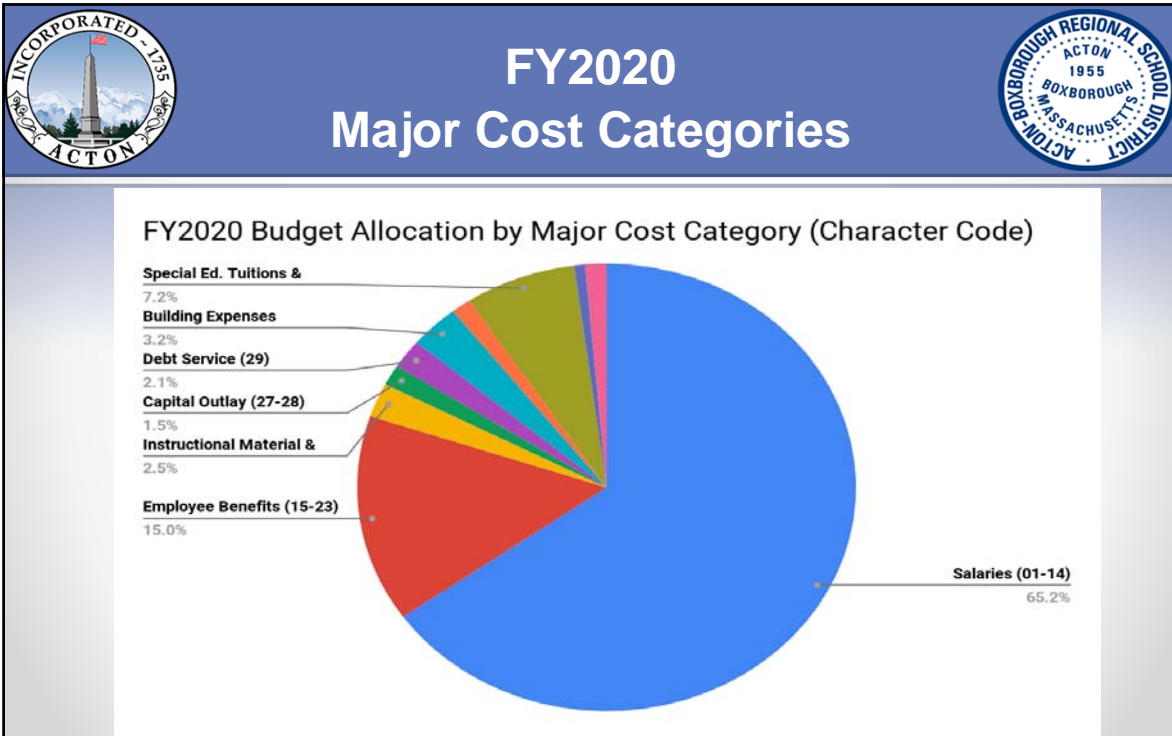
### Regional Transportation Aid

Fiscal Year	Budget (Base)	Actual (Cherry Sheet)	Increased # of Buses	Final Reimbursement
FY2018	\$1.5 million	\$1.5 million	\$0.0 million	\$0.5 million
FY2019	\$1.5 million	\$1.5 million	\$0.0 million	\$0.0 million
FY2020	\$1.5 million	\$0.0 million	\$0.5 million	\$0.0 million
FY2021 (Projected)	\$2.0 million	\$0.0 million	\$0.0 million	\$0.0 million




**Excess & Deficiency Fund Usage Since Full Regionalization**

Fiscal Year	Usage	Target	Certified Balance	%
FY2015	\$300K		\$1,072,454	1.4%
FY2016	\$200K		\$1,950,365	2.4%
FY2017	\$200K		\$2,738,661	3.3%
FY2018	\$1.2M	Leary Field turf Douglas feasibility	\$4,008,284	4.7%
FY2019	\$775K	Single-tier busing	\$4,082,325	4.6%
FY2020	\$690K	Addition of 2 buses Capital allocation	TBD	TBD




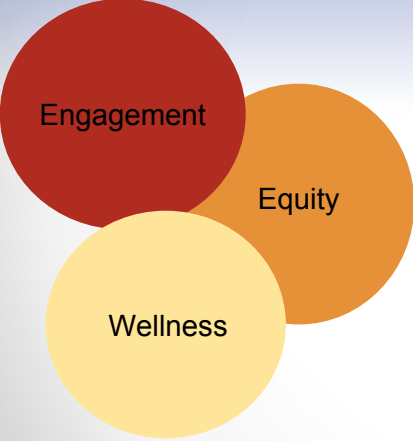
**Budget Drivers**

Position/Action	Net Change
Costs related to teacher salaries	+\$1,663K
Program initiatives	+\$149K
Cost savings related to health insurance	-\$466K
Two additional buses	+\$120K
Increased commitment to capital allocation by 25%	+\$250K
Staffing Requests (8.6 FTEs)	+\$345K
- Elementary: STEM Coach, Special Education Team Chair, Library/Media Specialists	
- JH/HS: Special Educator, BCBA, HS Counselor, Nurse	
- Shared: School Psychologist, Instrumental Music Teacher, Project Manager for CIP	



## Program Initiatives






ADL's A World of Difference HS Program

Student-Centered Coaching, K-6 STEM  
Certified Library/Media Specialists


Field Trip Assistance Fund  
Elementary School Supplies in School Budgets

William-James INTERFACE Referral Service  
AB Cares/Community Partnerships  
School Wellness Advisory Committee

Increased Counseling & Specialist Support  
Wrap-around Services Contract



## Continuing our Commitment to Capital in FY20



Capital Allocation FY15-20

FY15	\$154,000
FY16	\$170,000
FY17	\$243,000
FY18	\$770,000
FY19	\$1,000,000
<b>FY20</b>	<b>\$1,250,000</b>

- Goal is to maintain sufficient funds over time to address capital needs well into the future
- Part of a Capital Improvement Plan
- Moves us closer to keeping pace with allocating 1% of the assessed value of our buildings





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**Article 8:  
Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools  
Capital Improvement Plan**



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[requires a 2/3rds majority vote]

 **ABRSD Capital Improvement Plan** 




- Comprehensive, proactive, realistic and executable
- Prioritizes safety and optimizes cost savings
- Allows for \$21M in capital projects to be completed over 13 years
- Funded within the operating budget


 **Funding Strategy:**  
**Authorize Borrowing for High Priority Projects** 



- \$7.5M bond allows us to accelerate high priority projects during the first 2-3 years of the plan
- Repaid within the District's operating budget; will not require a debt exclusion.




## History of the District's Capital Allocation




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FY21	\$1,500,000
FY22+	2.5% annual increases



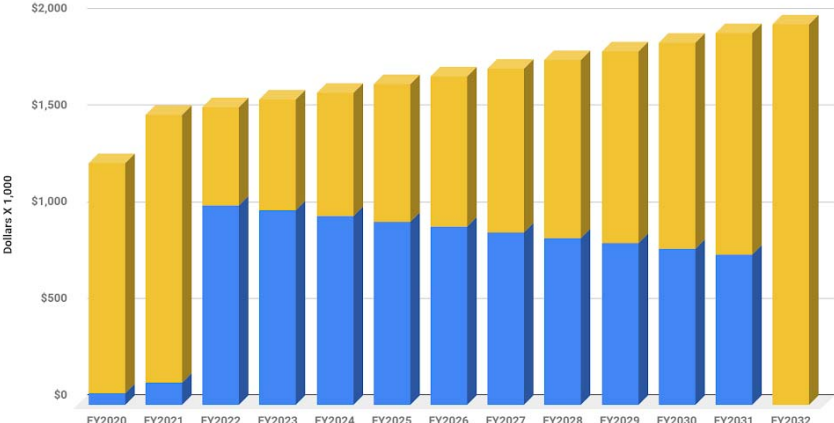
## Repayment



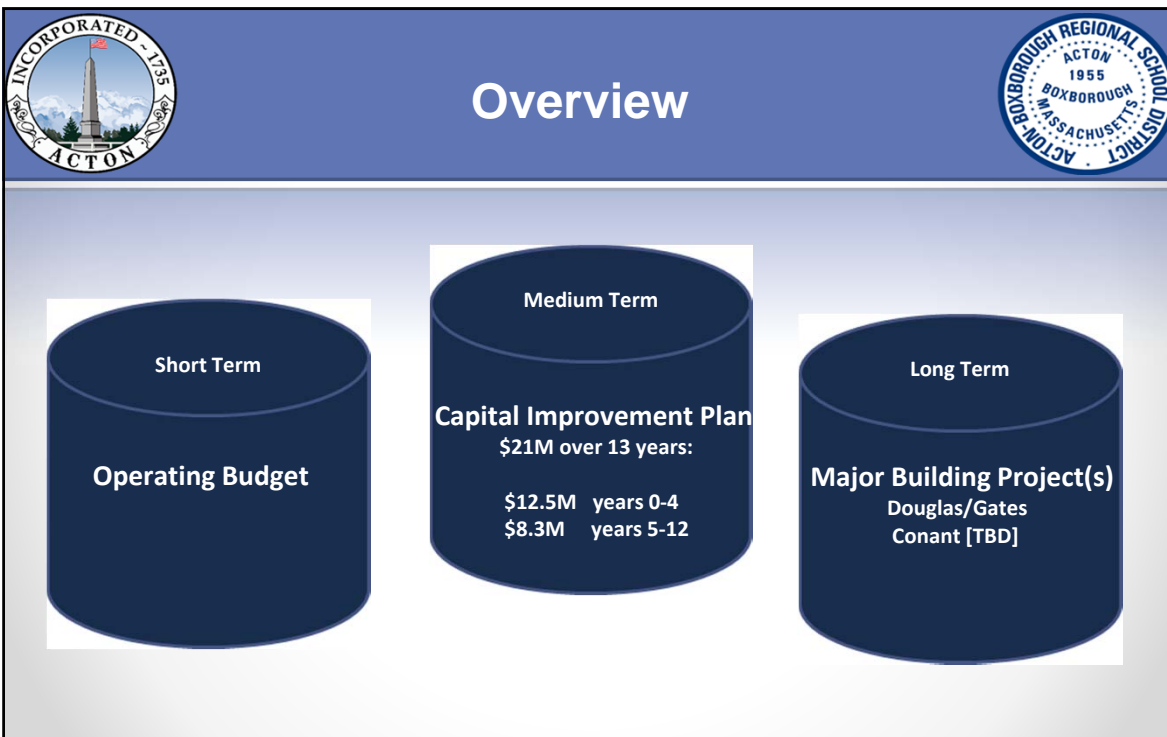
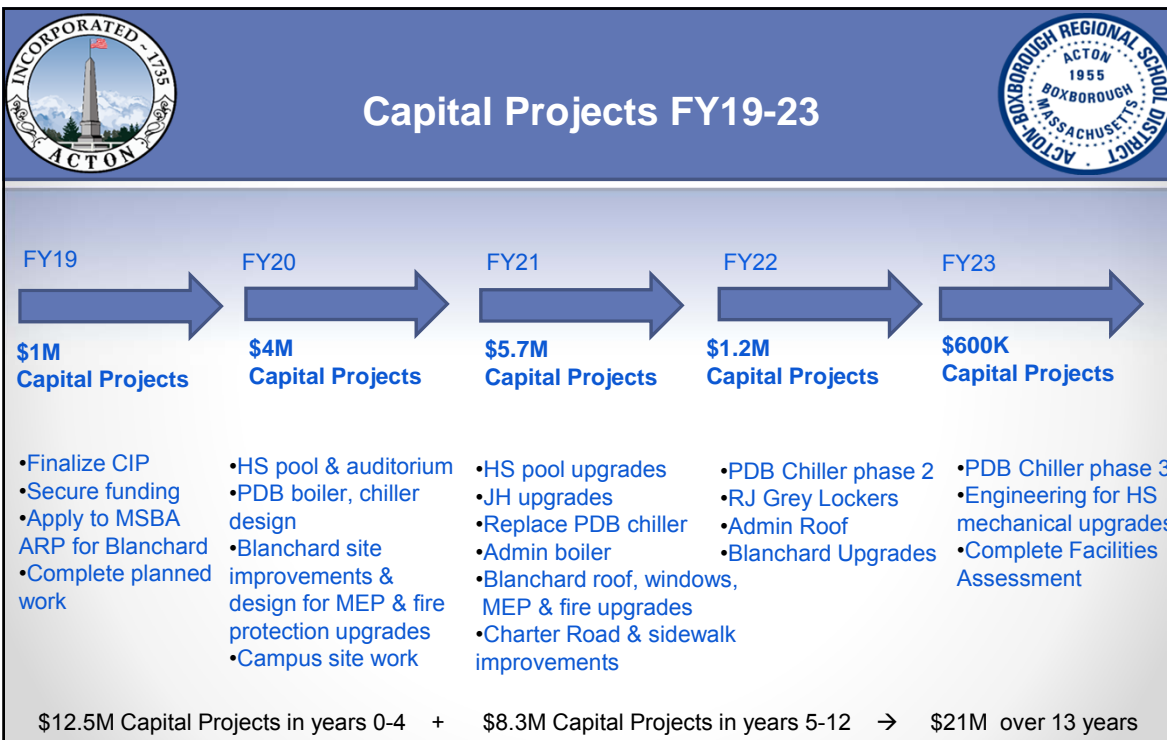
  
  

**Planned Capital Budget Allocations FY20 - FY31**

Available for Projects    Bond Repayment





Fiscal Year	Bond Repayment	Available for Projects	Total
FY2020	100	1100	1200
FY2021	100	1300	1400
FY2022	900	500	1400
FY2023	900	500	1400
FY2024	900	500	1400
FY2025	900	500	1400
FY2026	900	500	1400
FY2027	900	500	1400
FY2028	900	500	1400
FY2029	900	500	1400
FY2030	900	500	1400
FY2031	900	500	1400
FY2032	900	500	1400



 **Long Term Capital Projects:  
Douglas, Gates & Conant** 

**Douglas School Site** **Gates School Site** **Conant School Site**




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## Funding Strategy: Stabilization Fund





- Recommended by auditor in 2018; favorably impacts credit rating; rooted in DESE regulations and MA General Law
- Augments plan by allowing us to save for anticipated costly projects and to respond to unanticipated events related to capital
- Funded through cost savings realized on capital projects, budget surpluses (when available), interest income and other targeted revenue sources (e.g., MSBA ARP)



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