

Regionalization Financial Benefits Tracking

Working Document

Tracking of Regionalization Staff Savings and Additional Regional Revenue

Regionalization Staff Savings	FY 15	FY 16
Eliminate Superintendent Position at Blanchard (Salary)	\$ 164,625	\$ 168,741
Eliminate Business Manager Position at Blanchard (Salary)	\$ 92,244	\$ 94,550
Eliminate Business Office Secretary Position at Blanchard (Salary)	\$ 22,846	\$ 23,417
Eliminate SPED Secretary Position at Blanchard (Salary)	\$ 22,845	\$ 23,416
Eliminate Contracted Services for SPED Dir at Blanchard	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,875
Eliminate Asst Principal/Add Principal at Blanchard	\$ (61,453)	\$ (62,989)
Eliminate Clerk/Receptionist Position at Blanchard (Salary)	\$ 36,424	\$ 37,335
Eliminate Tech Support (Data Entry) Position at Blanchard (Salary)	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,625
Add 10% Art Teacher Position at Blanchard (Salary)	\$ (7,872)	\$ (8,196)
Eliminate Phys Ed Teacher Position at Blanchard (Salary)	\$ 47,623	\$ 49,585
Eliminate Cafeteria Manager Position at Blanchard (Salary)	\$ 39,172	\$ 40,151
Eliminate Blanchard ELL Position/Share 50/50 with Douglas'	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,938
Eliminate Tech Specialist/Add Part-time Tech Position at Blanchard	\$ 94,600	\$ 97,000
Total Regionalization Staff Savings	\$ 528,554	\$ 542,447
Additional Regional Revenue	FY 15	FY 16
Lost Chapter 70 Aid due to Regionalization	\$ (156,287)	\$ (160,194)
Additional Grade K-6 Regional Transportation Revenue	\$ 550,589	\$ 520,078
Additional Regional Bonus Aid	\$ 139,000	\$ 111,200
Total Additional Regional Revenue	\$ 533,302	\$ 471,084
Total Financial Benefits without Efficiencies	\$ 1,061,856	\$ 1,013,531

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Tracking of Efforts to Reduce Per Pupil Cost at Blanchard

The Regionalization Study Committee identified the need to bring the per pupil cost (PPC) at Blanchard in line with Acton elementary schools. To track efforts in this area, we include efficiencies that have occurred due to regionalization, as well as decreases due to other reasons such as lower enrollment. To conduct a more appropriate analysis, we will analyze the per pupil costs at each elementary school once FY 15 is closed. Until then, this analysis allows us to estimate progress in this area.

Efficiencies Due to Regionalization Contributing to Lower PPC	FY 15	FY 16
Eliminate SPED Chairperson Position at Blanchard (Salary) (a)	\$ 52,199	\$ 54,350
Eliminate Curriculum Specialist Position at Blanchard (Salary) (b)	\$ 77,491	\$ 80,684
Eliminate Speech & Language Position at Blanchard (Salary) (c)	\$ 52,550	\$ 54,715
Savings in Health Insurance due to Eliminated Positions (a-c)	\$ 42,604	\$ 46,012
Share Behavioral Specialist from Blanchard with Douglas (50/50)	\$ 45,500	\$ 46,638
Reduce/Eliminate Custodian Position at Blanchard (Salary)	\$ 32,683	\$ 67,000
Move SPED Teacher from Blanchard to Douglas	\$ -	\$ 85,000
<i>Total Savings from Regionalization Efficiencies</i>	\$ 303,026	\$ 434,398
Other Decreases Contributing to Lower PPC	FY 15	FY 16
Eliminate 1st Grade Teacher at Blanchard (Salary) (d)	\$ 50,123	\$ 52,188
Eliminate 6th Grade Teacher at Blanchard (Salary) (e)	\$ 59,614	\$ 62,070
Savings in Health Insurance due to Eliminated Positions (d&e)	\$ 32,648	\$ 35,260
Eliminate 2nd Grade Teacher at Blanchard (Salary) (w/health ins)	\$ -	\$ 85,000
<i>Total Savings from Other Decreases</i>	\$ 142,385	\$ 234,518
<i>Total Efforts to Reduce Per Pupil Cost at Blanchard</i>	\$ 445,412	\$ 668,916

Tracking of Regionalization Financial Benefits

Regionalization Financial Oversight Committee

March 30, 2015

Agenda

- Charge of Regional Finance Oversight Committee
- Comparing FY 16 Budget to Regionalization Projections
- Tracking of Financial Benefits
 - Regionalization Staff Savings
 - Additional Regional Revenue
 - Efficiencies Due to Regionalization
 - Decreases in Spending Due to Other Reasons

Regional Finance Oversight Committee

- Committee Members

Role	Acton	Boxborough
Board of Selectmen	Janet Adachi	Vince Amoroso
Finance Committee	Robert Evans	Jim Ham/Amy Burke
School Committee	Michael Coppolino	Mary Brolin

- Supported by:
 - Glenn Brand
 - Clare Jeannotte
 - Marie Altieri

Committee Charged to:

- Assess Annual Budgets Relative to Regionalization Projections
- Review Financial Benefits Due to:
 - Regionalization staff cuts
 - Additional Regionalization Revenues
- Assess Per Pupil Costs Across Elementary Schools
 - Track efficiencies achieved at Blanchard
 - Track other budget decreases at Blanchard
 - Review actual per pupil costs across elementary schools

FY 16 Budget vs Projections:

- Noted Discrepancies Between FY 16 Budget and Projections – FY 16 Budget Higher than Anticipated
- Assessing Drivers of Increased Budget for Annual Town Meeting
 - Identify Drivers
 - Estimate if Regionalization Projections were Off or if Increases are Due to Unanticipated Changes

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Assessing Per Pupil Costs (PPC)

- Blanchard PPC higher, need to align
- When data available, will compare actual PPC across elementary schools
- To estimate now, looking at efficiencies due to regionalization, as well as other decreases

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Summary

- Need to assess factors driving FY '16 budget higher than regionalization projections
- Financial benefits due to staff savings and new revenue are on target, although bonus aid at risk
- Efficiencies and other decreases suggest PPC at Blanchard coming in line
- Will need to assess actual per pupil costs with the close of each fiscal year