

Wachusett Regional School District

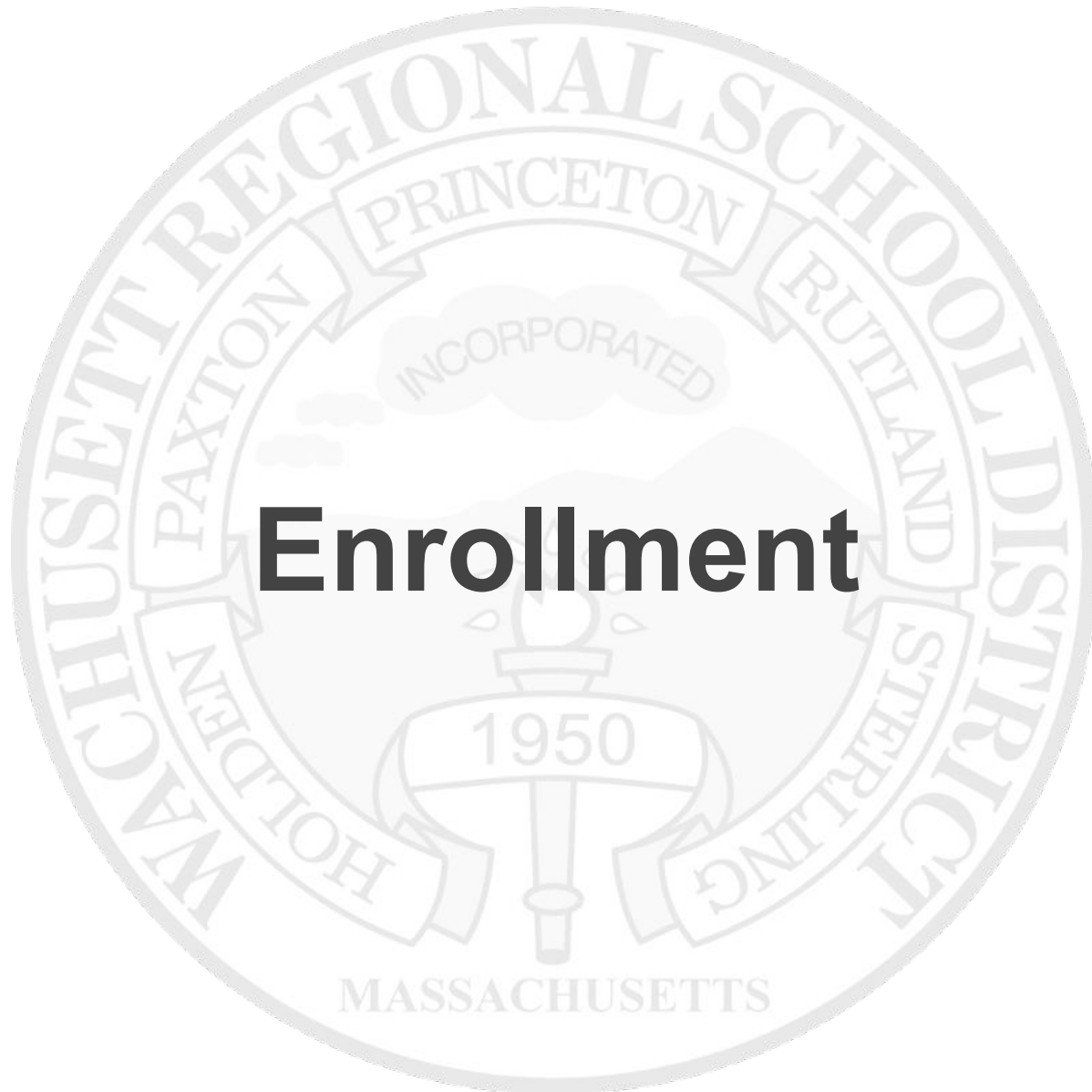


FY21 Budget Presentation
Town of Princeton
February 25, 2020

The WRSD seeks to ensure meaningful student growth and promote social emotional well-being in a safe and nurturing environment. We will integrate the talent, experience, and knowledge of all members of our community to develop lifelong learners, equipped to think critically in an ever-changing, global society.

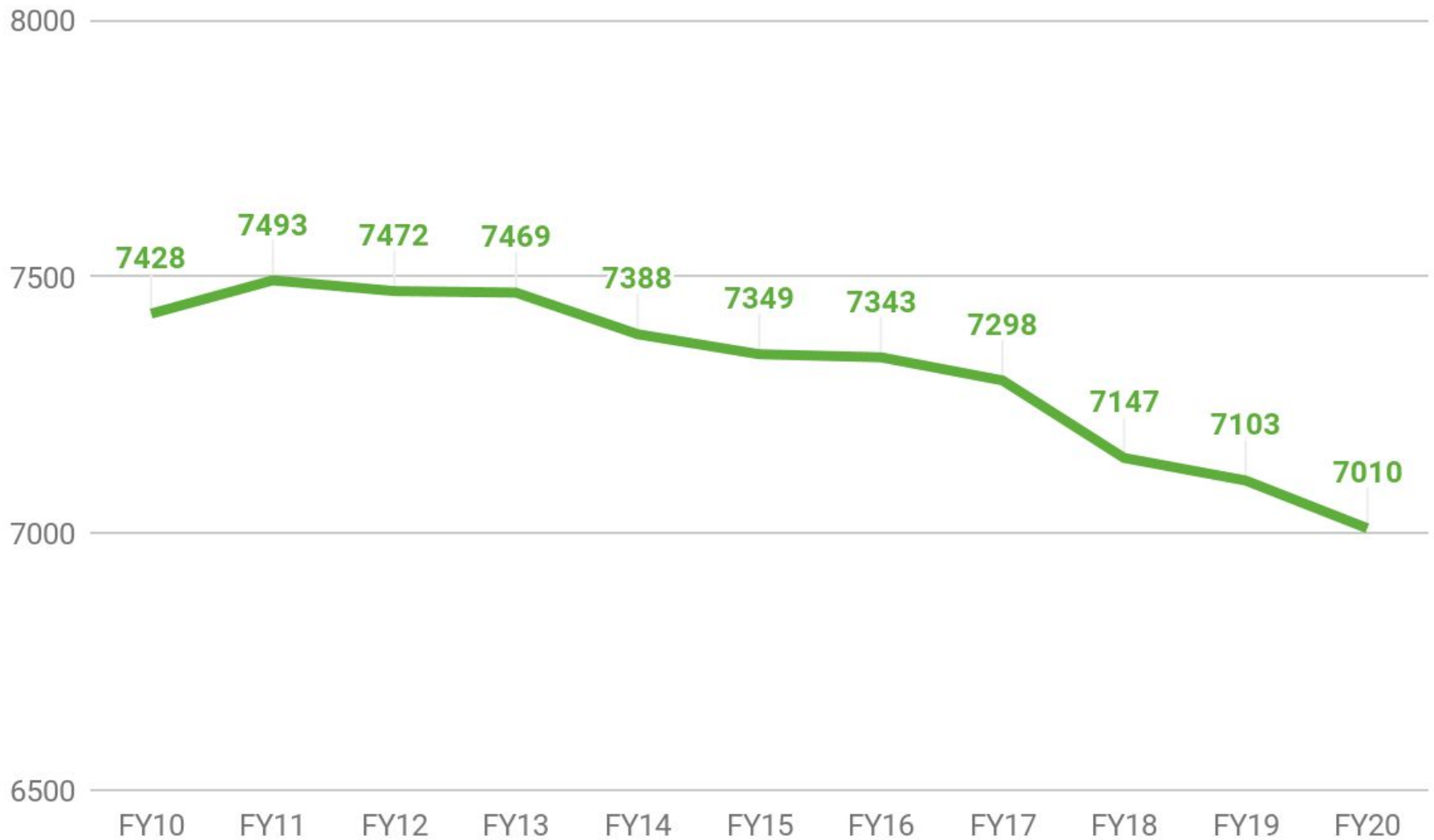


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- FY21 Revenues
- Budget Calendar

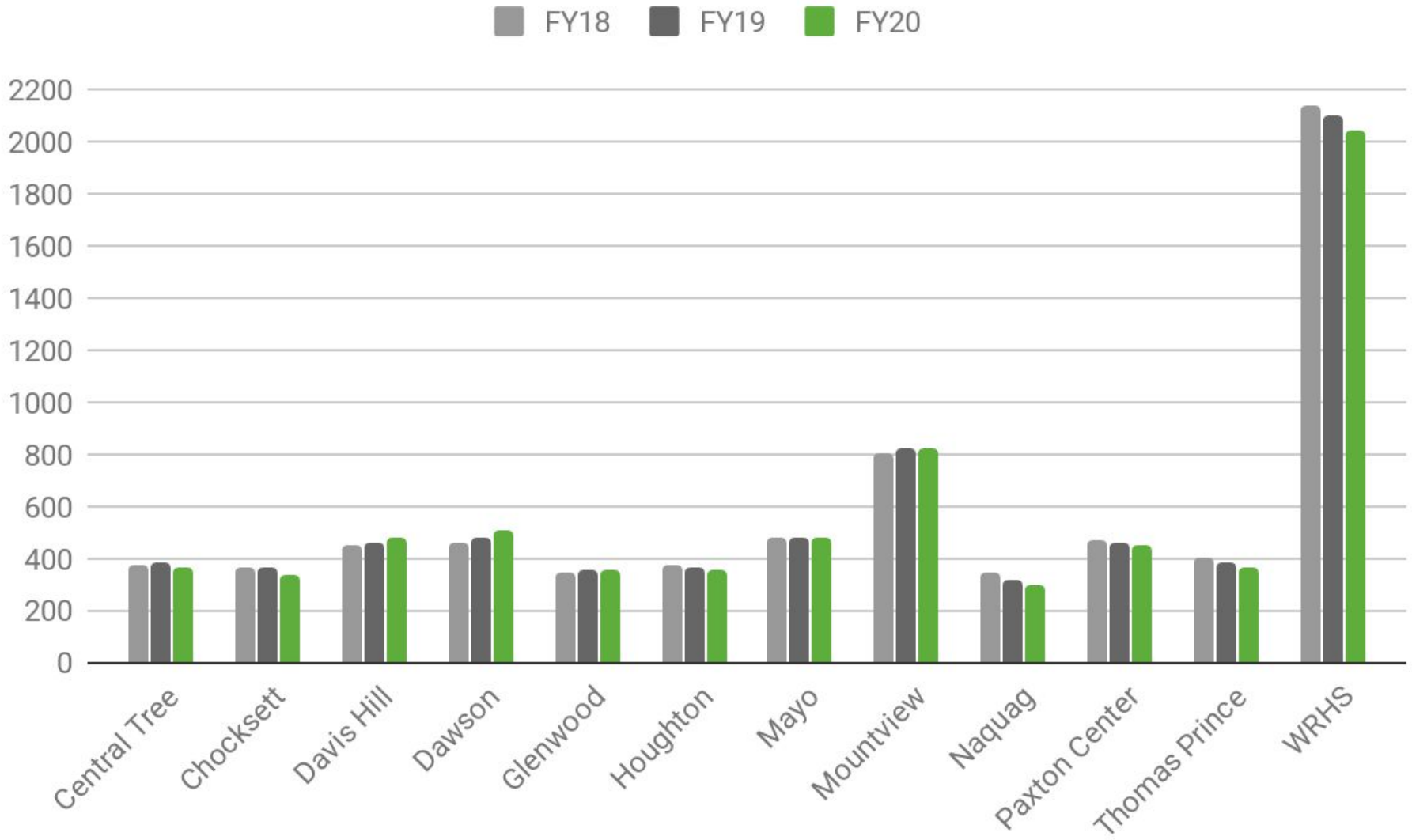


Enrollment

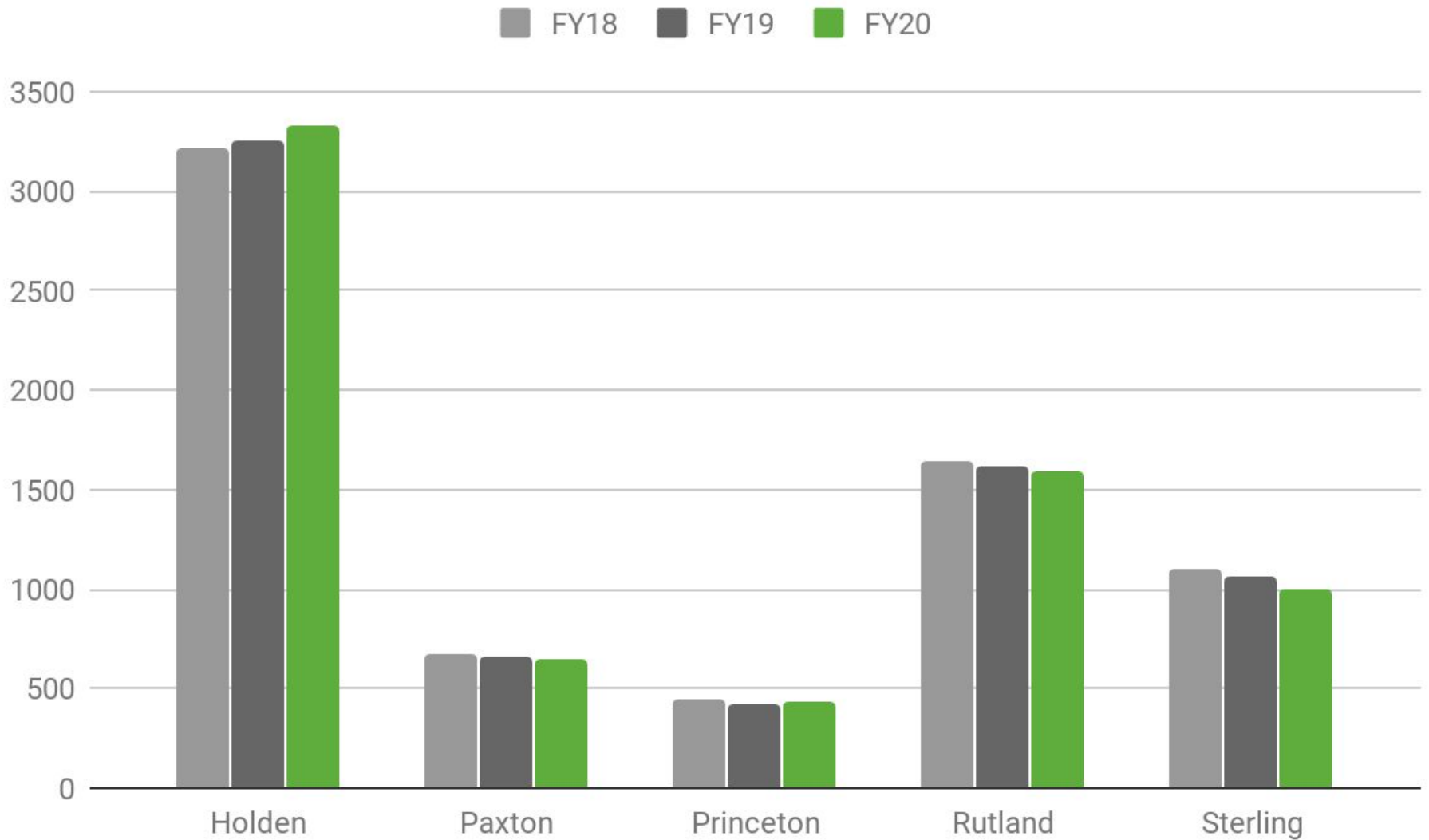
HISTORICAL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT



ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL



ENROLLMENT BY TOWN

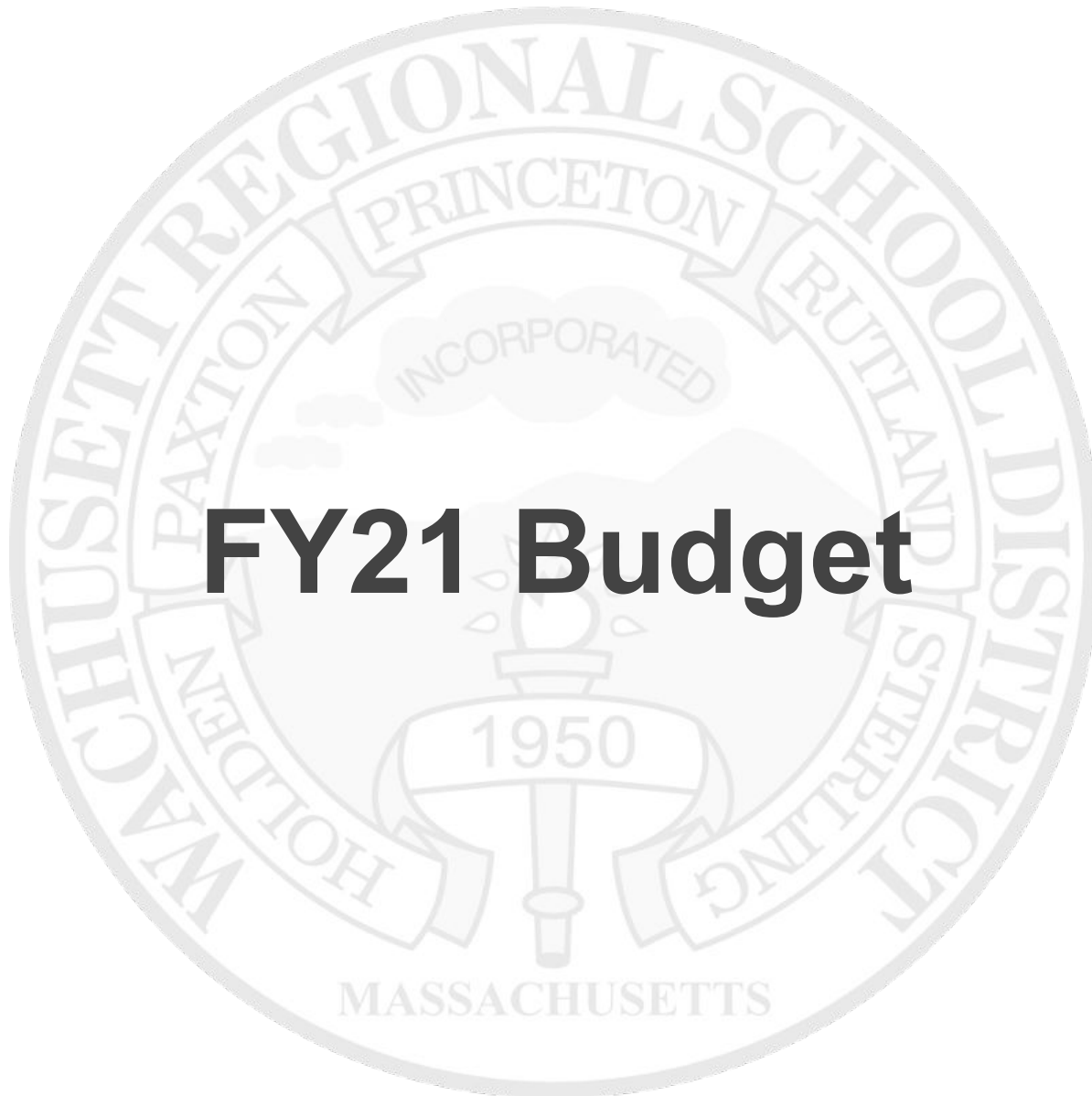


DISTRICT ENROLLMENT SHARE

| Overall District | FY 2020 | | FY 2021 | | Enrollment Change | |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Town | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage |
| Holden | 3,258 | 46.50% | 3,335 | 47.62% | 77 | 2.36% |
| Paxton | 654 | 9.33% | 646 | 9.22% | -8 | -1.22% |
| Princeton | 423 | 6.04% | 428 | 6.11% | 5 | 1.18% |
| Rutland | 1,612 | 23.01% | 1,589 | 22.69% | -23 | -1.43% |
| Sterling | 1,060 | 15.13% | 1,005 | 14.35% | -55 | -5.19% |
| Total | 7,007 | 100.00% | 7,003 | 100.00% | -4 | -0.06% |

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SHARE

| High School | FY 2020 | | FY 2021 | | Enrollment Change | |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Town | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage |
| Holden | 920 | 44.66% | 927 | 45.49% | 7 | 0.76% |
| Paxton | 201 | 9.76% | 194 | 9.52% | -7 | -3.48% |
| Princeton | 130 | 6.31% | 125 | 6.13% | -5 | -3.85% |
| Rutland | 497 | 24.13% | 494 | 24.24% | -3 | -0.60% |
| Sterling | 312 | 15.15% | 298 | 14.62% | -14 | -4.49% |
| Total | 2,060 | 100.00% | 2,038 | 100.00% | -22 | -1.07% |



FY21 Budget

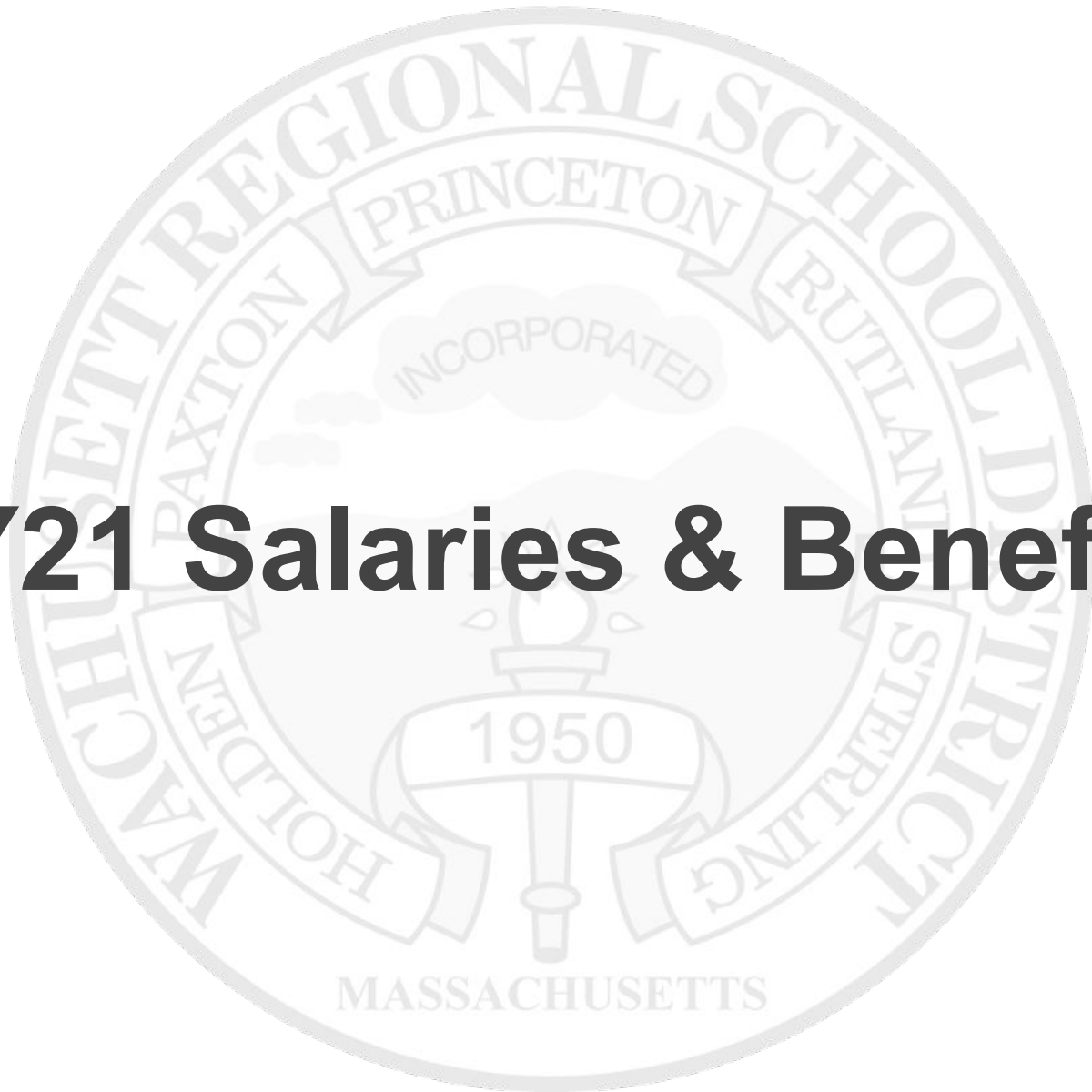
BUDGET PRIORITIES

- **Domain 1**
 - Continued budget transparency via line-item budget
- **Domain 2**
 - Literacy Program Adoption - Grade 3
 - Math Program Materials - Grades 6-8
 - Science Program Materials - Grades 6-8 and HS
- **Domain 3**
 - Technology (HS 1:1, MS Chromebooks, and Elementary carts)
 - Textbook/Program Adoption - Year 3
 - Mountview Middle School - Two additional teachers
- **Domain 4**
 - PD funds focused on continued support of strategic initiatives
- **Domain 5**
 - Part-time Counseling support for all Elementary Schools
 - Support Nurse

BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY APPROPRIATION

| Appropriation | FY20 Budget | FY21 Proposed | \$ Diff +/-(-) | % Diff |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Salaries & Stipends | \$62,064,715 | \$65,282,485 | \$3,217,770 | 5.18% |
| Benefits & Insurance | \$15,054,973 | \$16,144,699 | \$1,089,726 | 7.24% |
| Instructional Support | \$3,322,090 | \$3,392,969 | \$70,879 | 2.13% |
| Operations & Maintenance | \$3,606,166 | \$3,738,231 | \$132,065 | 3.66% |
| Pupil Services | \$51,241 | \$52,758 | \$1,517 | 2.96% |
| Special Ed Tuitions | \$3,123,545 | \$2,770,000 | (\$353,545) | -11.32% |
| Other Operating Costs | \$1,196,956 | \$1,176,810 | (\$20,146) | -1.68% |
| Transportation | \$6,919,413 | \$7,241,701 | \$322,288 | 4.66% |
| Debt Service | \$2,497,106 | \$2,415,731 | (\$81,375) | -3.26% |
| Total General Fund | \$97,836,205 | \$102,215,384 | \$4,379,179 | 4.48% |

FY21 Salaries & Benefits



SALARIES & STIPENDS

| FY20 Budget | FY21 Proposed | \$ Diff vs LY | % Diff |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| \$62,064,715 | \$65,282,485 | \$3,217,770 | 5.18% |

- Contractual Obligations
- Addition of salaries for full-day kindergarten
- New Positions

SALARIES & STIPENDS

| FY21 New Positions | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Position | FTE |
| Elementary Counselors | 3.0 |
| Mountview Teachers | 2.0 |
| Naquag Assistant Principal | 1.0 |
| Support Nurse - District wide | 1.0 |
| Net | 7.0 |

BENEFITS & INSURANCE

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| \$15,054,973 | \$16,144,699 | \$1,089,726 | 7.24% |

- Health Insurance estimated to increase by 8%
- Worcester County Retirement Assessment reflects a 9.75% increase

TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS

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| Total | \$77,119,688 | \$81,427,184 | \$4,307,496 | 5.59% |

FY21 Instruction & Operations



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- Technology
 - Continued support of HS 1:1 program
 - Increased access to technology in grades 1-8
 - Continued support of software and apps
- Year 3 of Textbook Plan and Early Literacy Program

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

| FY20 Budget | FY21 Proposed | \$ Diff vs LY | % Diff |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| \$3,606,166 | \$3,738,231 | \$132,065 | 3.66% |

- Maintenance: Continue minor and major repairs
- Grounds: Town Maintenance Agreements
- Utility Services -- Electricity, Water, Sewer: 6%
- Fuel: Increase associated with projections
 - Oil increase 4.24%

| FY20 Budget | FY21 Proposed | \$ Diff vs LY | % Diff |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| \$51,241 | \$52,758 | \$1,517 | 2.96% |

- Funds used to support Health Offices

SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITIONS

| FY20 Budget | FY21 Proposed | \$ Diff vs LY | % Diff |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| \$3,123,545 | \$2,770,000 | (\$353,545) | -11.32% |

- Tuition charges for out-of-district placements in specialized programs
- Projected increase in Special Education Circuit Breaker funding will reduce costs to General Fund

TOTAL INSTRUCTION & OPERATIONS

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| Operations Maintenance | \$3,606,166 | \$3,738,231 | \$132,065 | 3.66% |
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| Total | \$10,103,042 | \$9,953,958 | (\$149,084) | -1.48% |

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FY21 Fixed Costs

OTHER OPERATING COSTS

| FY20 Budget | FY21 Proposed | \$ Diff vs LY | % Diff |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| \$1,196,956 | \$1,176,810 | (\$20,146) | -1.68% |

- School Choice and Charter School reflect most recent tuition-out charges per DESE and DOR/DLS Cherry Sheet.

TRANSPORTATION

| FY20 Budget | FY21 Proposed | \$ Diff vs LY | % Diff |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| \$6,919,413 | \$7,241,701 | \$322,288 | 4.66% |

- Regular Ed Transportation: FY21 will be the second year of new three-year contract. This reflects a contractual 5% increase and no additional equipment.
- Special Ed In-District and Out-of-District Transportation: Additional routes since the start of the 2019-2020 school year have impacted the FY20 and FY21 budgets. Projected increase in these lines is 3.0%.

DEBT SERVICE

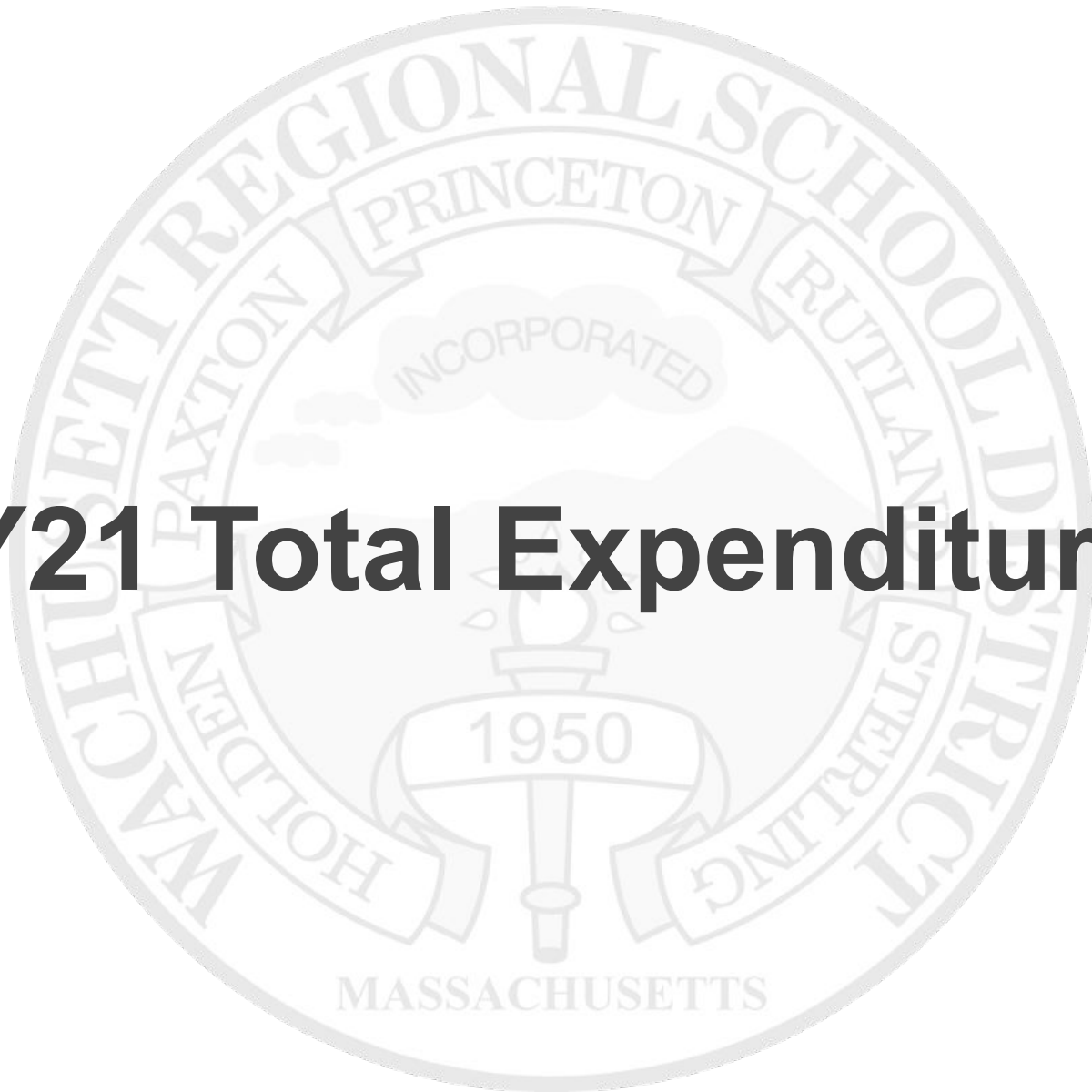
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- This reflects two high school bonds refinanced at a lower rate and also a faster pay-off.

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FY21 Total Expenditures

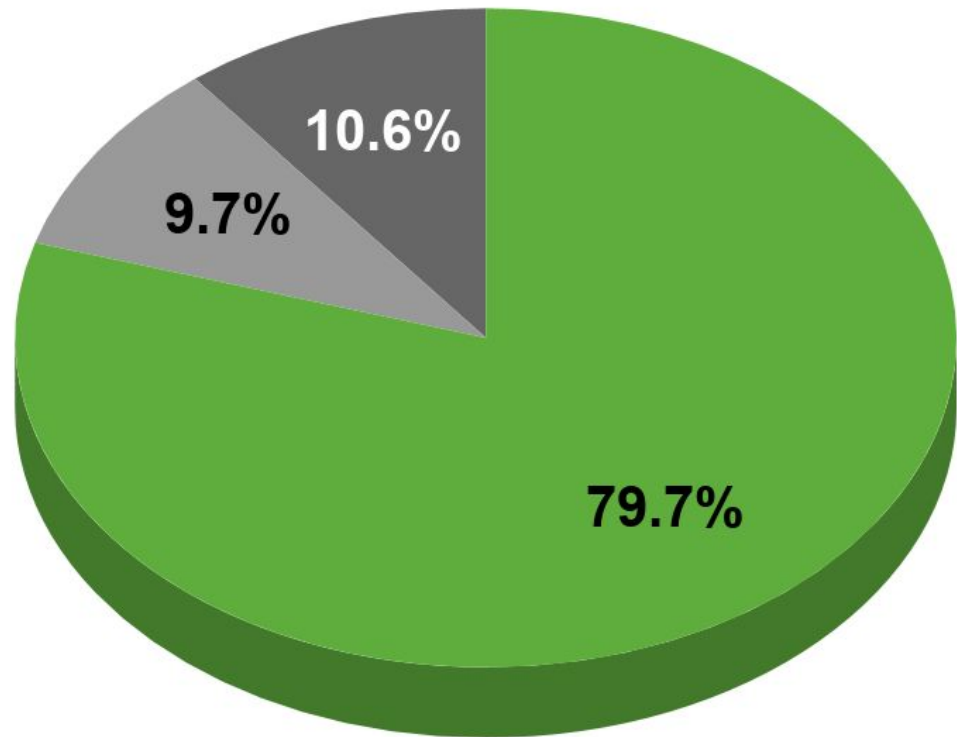


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BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY CATEGORY

- Salaries & Benefits
- Instruction & Operations
- Fixed Costs



- More than half of the District's full-time employees live in our member towns.
 - Holden: 205
 - Paxton: 49
 - Princeton: 38
 - Rutland: 185
 - Sterling: 63

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FY21 Revenues

TOTAL REVENUES

| Revenue Source | FY20 Budget | FY21 Proposed | \$Diff +/-(-) | % Diff +/-(-) |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Holden Total | \$29,825,810 | \$31,693,769 | \$1,867,959 | 6.26% |
| Paxton Total | \$6,544,013 | \$6,853,126 | \$309,113 | 4.72% |
| Princeton Total | \$4,953,831 | \$5,190,694 | \$236,863 | 4.78% |
| Rutland Total | \$12,519,305 | \$13,221,118 | \$701,813 | 5.61% |
| Sterling Total | \$11,683,458 | \$12,103,845 | \$420,387 | 3.60% |
| Total Towns | \$65,526,417 | \$69,062,552 | \$3,536,135 | 5.40% |
| State Aid | \$30,712,011 | \$32,452,832 | \$1,740,821 | 5.67% |
| Local Revenues | \$1,597,777 | \$700,000 | (\$897,777) | -56.19% |
| Total Revenue | \$97,836,205 | \$102,215,384 | \$4,379,179 | 4.48% |

- Meetings with town officials - February/March, 2020
- School Committee budget approval - March 9, 2020
- Town Meetings:
 - Holden - May 18, 2020
 - Paxton - May 4, 2020
 - Princeton - May 12, 2020
 - Rutland - May 9, 2020
 - Sterling - May 4, 2020



Thank You