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 From: Mary Ellen N. Dunn, Deputy Superintendent for Administration and Finance
 CC: Ben Lummis, Special Assistant for Strategy and Performance
 Office of Student Affairs
 Principals
 International Student Advisor
 Date: June 7, 2018
 Re: 2018-2019 Tuition Rates for International Students

Please request the School Committee take the following actions as the next step in passing the updated residency policy.

The Tuition Rate to be charged is as follows:

The recommended tuition and fees for attending the Public Schools of Brookline are as follows: It covers base educational requirements. The district has also included estimated amounts for every student requiring tutoring services, meals at school and a notation that there are additional costs to attend school above the tuition amount.

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	
	School Year	School Year	School Year	
Tuition:	\$18,546	\$19,809	\$20,632	
Co-Curricular	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	(Field trips, co-curricular fees)
Tutoring Services	\$1,890	\$1,985	\$1,985	(pending assessment results)
School Lunch	\$630	\$630	\$630	(per year or \$3.50 per day)
School Breakfast	\$315	\$315	\$315	(per year or \$1.75 per day)
Total Education Expenses*	\$24,381	\$25,739	\$26,562	
	2015	2016	2017	
DESE Per Pupil	\$17,652	\$18,866	\$19,649	
	2.09%	6.88%	4.15%	

*Athletics, Field Trips, and other Curriculum based activities are charged through an online payment system as required by SC Policy. Waiver of any fees are completed through the SC Financial Assistance Policy.

International families in the United States on visas are required to provide their Form I-864, Affidavit of Support by all individuals seeking admission. This means that no students who are in the United States on any type of visa are eligible for any financial assistance provided by Town.

“The purpose of the form is to show that you have the financial means to live in the United States without needing welfare or financial benefits from the U.S. government. The law requires that

the sponsor demonstrate that he or she is able to assist you financially. The sponsor must show that he or she has an annual income of not less than 125 percent of the federal poverty level. The federal poverty guidelines are set once a year, and can be found on Form I-864P, Poverty Guidelines.”¹

Action Requested:

School Committee approves the 2018-2019 tuition for non-resident students attending the Public Schools of Brookline as international non-resident students.

Background:

High School:

Due to the proximity of Brookline to the many institutions of higher education, the reputation of the school district and our English Language Learner services, our enrollment growth has been impacted by our welcoming of international students and their families. While, it is highly desirable for our students to have a global education, the physical capacity of our buildings has reached a point whereby the services need to be significantly scaled back and advertised as such to the international community.

The Public Schools of Brookline has accepted international students (F1 or F2 visas) under the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP or SEVIS) at the High School for many years.² Due to the growing enrollment at Brookline High School, this program may require a sunset provision as we are anticipating 2700 high school aged students for a high school with a capacity of 1800 students in the next five years.

The school district issues the F-1 visa under the SEVP program once all application materials are received and verified. At no time is a visa granted whereby the student shall be an “unaccompanied youth” under this program. Host Guardian and other Guardian Contact information shall be provided. Families are advised that living expenses including food and lodging may be \$10,000 to \$20,000 to reside with a host family.

References:

1. US Department of State:
 - a. Foreign Students in Public Schools: <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/study-exchange/student/foreign-students-in-public-schools.html>
 - b. Student Visa (F & M): requirements
<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/study-exchange/student.html>
2. US Immigration and Customs Enforcement:
 - a. Student and Exchange Visitor Program: <http://www.ice.gov/sevis#>
3. Requirements of Schools Seeking F & M Certification: <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/schools>
International Test of English Proficiency, iTEP: <http://www.itepexam.com/itep-slate-english-test/secondary-level-assessment-test-of-english>
4. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): <http://www.ets.org/toefl>

¹ <http://www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-processes-and-procedures/public-charge>

² <http://www.ice.gov/sevis#>