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Financial Update
 2nd Quarter Report
 As of February 15, 2021
 (Operating Budget Only)

The Public Schools of Brookline continues to experience a budget deficit as we have reopened schools in a hybrid schedule and offer a Remote Learning Academy. The deficit increased from the last report on J from \$715K to just over \$803,000 as we continue to add staff to support students in the Remote Learning Academy and pay for both a long-term substitutes and leave of absence costs. School Committee also voted to carry up to \$200K for BA&CE deficit that will close out to them as the fiscal year closes.

Category	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJ SMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD Proj	Proj Yr End
51 SALARIES	\$ 105,221,815	\$ 1,837,470	\$ 107,059,285	\$ 108,502,559	\$(1,443,274)
52 CONTRACTED SERVICES: Out of District Tuition, Transportation, Software	\$ 9,758,338	\$ (90,260)	\$ 9,668,078	\$ 10,550,917	\$ (882,839)
53 SUPPLIES : Textbooks, instructional materials	\$ 1,737,101	\$ 14,352	\$ 1,751,453	\$ 1,271,958	\$ 479,495
55 OTHER CHARGES: Prof.Dev., Financial Assistance \$175K, Special Education Reserve \$475K	\$ 1,065,096	\$ (11,562)	\$ 1,053,534	\$ 910,297	\$ 143,237
56 UTILITIES	\$ 7,350	\$ -	\$ 7,350	\$ 7,350	\$ -
5A EQUIPMENT: Computer Hardware, classroom furniture/equipment	\$ 1,209,290	\$ -	\$ 1,209,290	\$ 1,109,576	\$ 99,714
Grand Total	\$ 118,998,990	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 120,748,990	\$ 122,352,656	\$(1,603,666)
Town Cares Fund*				\$ (1,000,000)	\$ 1,000,000
Projected Year End Deficit				\$ 121,352,656	\$ (603,666)
BA&CE Deficit Support					\$ (200,000)
Projected Year End Deficit					\$ (803,666)

*The \$1.1M has been reduced by \$100,000 as Town Cares eligible expenses were moved out of the Operating Budget by December Closing. Extension to 12/30/21 allows for payroll to be removed and charged directly to the Town Cares Grant. Work is being done to complete the direct charge.

The offset of the RLA has not yet been moved from the operating budget to the Town Cares Fund. Thus, it still shows as an offset. The Finance Team is in conversation with the Town on how and when they would like to do this transfer. The Finance Team has been able to identify more than \$2.6 Million in staffing costs and over \$100,000 in instructions supplies and materials already transferred to the Town Cares funds that were necessary to operate the RLA.

Even though we have frozen approximately \$1.2M in expense lines (Contracted Services, Supplies, Other, Equipment). We are currently managing an expense deficit of \$160K. The components of which are made up of the following:

- Reviewing open purchase orders and open requisitions for the necessity of those funds as the fiscal year begins to wind down into the spring.
- Reviewing expenditure transactions in Departments that have negative balances. We are confirming if transfers to ESSER I, Town Cares, CvRF, Technology grants were processed or other miscoding of charges is occurring.
- Releasing for use the funds generated from Transportation of approximately \$392K due to the shorter school year and fewer special education vans needed.
- Holding in Special Education: Special Education Reserve of \$475K. Funds have been used transfers are in process as of the writing of this report.
- Holding \$255K in reserve for Custodial Expenses
- Holding \$492K is reserve to fund unknown and unanticipated special education expense lines for settlements, legal expenses, compensatory services, and other identified student supports in process of being implemented.
- Holding Financial Assistance reserve of \$175K for distribution as the spring comes forward, vaccine is available, and field trips or other fee-based activities may resume.

Please note: Special Education Tuition and six (6) grade level teachers are encumbered against the Special Revenue Accounts used to offset the Operating Budget (Circuit Breaker and Materials Fee/Tuition respectively). They are not shown as an expense or an offset as typically included our reports.

Attached are two additional department reports on Transportation and Tuition for your information and review.