



Shrewsbury Public Schools

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To: School Committee

Subj: FY20 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Summary Status

The FY20 Status Quo Budget is still ranging at a +-\$3M increase or 4.7%-5%.

Our Strategic Investment Package Proposals will be in the range ~\$1.7M of which we are projecting ~\$1.3M from General Fund appropriations and ~\$400K from other sources such as grants, gifts, or special revenue funds.

Process Update

We are trying to shift the dynamic and method of past budget processes that began with a large gap/deficit between the Superintendent and Town Manager recommendations because it created a generally negative environment and sometimes undue anxiety amongst elected officials, our staff, and the community.

Prior Process:

School Dept. initial budget included maintaining existing programs + new initiatives=Largest Request

Town Mgr. initial budget included a conservative approach to revenue projections that typically adjusted upward as time and information progressed= Lowest recommendation for School Dept, budget

Result at outset of budget process= Large Gap

New Process:

School Dept. propose a "Status Quo" initial budget= Smaller Request

School Dept present Strategic Investment Packages directly aligned with our Five Year Plan and District Goals

Town Manager initial budget will include a less conservative revenue projection based on five-year trend data.= More realistic number that will be achieved by end of process.

Result at outset of budget process=Smaller gap. More realistic reflection of endpoint

During process, our discussion will hopefully be a positive one about what Strategic Investments can be added as a result of revised and hopefully higher revenue estimates instead of the usual talk of budget reductions.

FY20 Budget Process/Key Dates and Events		
Key Dates	Event/Action	Notes
16-Jan	DLT Update	General Overview
16-Jan	School Cmtee Budget Workshop	Preview Investment/Improvement Pkgs
23-Jan	Gov. Baker Budget Released	First look at C. 70 aid and Circuit Breaker
30-Jan	SLT Mid-Year Retreat	<i>Finalize Budget Recommendations.</i>
12-Feb	Town Mgr Budget #1	Estimating approx. 3% increase over FY19
13-Feb	Super Budget Recom #1	~5% increase...Approx. \$1.2M gap btw Town Manager and Status Quo
Feb-March	Wait- hear budget reports/details	SPED, IT & Curriculum, Fees
16-Mar	FinCom Mtg	Present Status Quo and Investment Pkgs
20-Mar	SC Budget Workshop	
27-Mar	Forecast FY19 Savings	To help close FY20 gap
April 10th	SC Mtg	Finalize recommendation. Budget Hearing.
April 12th	House Budget	C. 70 aid and Circuit Breaker updates
April 18th	FinCom Hearing	
April 22nd	Hold for Potential SC Budget Workshop	React to latest information from House Budget
April 23rd	BOS Vote	
April 24th	SC Vote FY20 Budget	
April 25th	FinCom Vote	
May 20th	Town Meeting	

Strategic Investments—DRAFT

See handout.

Follow-up Item from Last Workshop

The chart below summarizes our FY19-FY23 transportation contract with AA Transportation.

The purpose of negotiating off the original bid was to lower our overall costs and decrease the burden of a significant increase in the FY19 budget.

	FY19-FY24 Transportation Bid Information										
	FY19		FY20		FY21		FY22		FY23		5-Year Total
	Total Annual Cost	Percent Inc.	Total Annual Cost	Percent Inc.	Total Annual Cost	Percent Inc.	Total Annual Cost	Percent Inc.	Total Annual Cost	Percent Inc.	
Original Bid for all vehicles and services	\$ 4,076,300	17.6%	\$ 4,198,589	3.0%	\$ 4,324,547	3.0%	\$ 4,449,959	2.9%	\$ 4,574,557	2.8%	\$21,623,952
Revised Bid for all vehicles and services	\$ 3,770,684	8.8%	\$ 4,261,680	13.0%	\$ 4,389,448	3.0%	\$ 4,516,661	2.9%	\$ 4,643,212	2.8%	\$21,581,685
Annual Diff.	\$ (305,616)	-8.8%	\$ 63,091	10.0%	\$ 64,901	0.0%	\$ 66,702	0.0%	\$ 68,655	\$ -	\$ (42,267)