

Shrewsbury Public Schools

Joseph M. Sawyer, Ed.D. Superintendent

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To: School Committee

From: Joe Sawyer

Re: FY18 Fees & Tuitions: Recommendation

After reviewing the materials provided by Mr. Collins for the previous meeting regarding the potential impact of a small percentage increase in fees and/or tuitions; reviewing the level of fees and tuitions our district charges compared to other districts around the state (where ours tend to be on the higher end); and considering that increases were instituted for the current year, it is my recommendation that the School Committee hold all fee and tuition levels at the same rates for Fiscal Year 2018.

It will continue to be important to review fees and tuitions each year and make periodic adjustments to account for cost inflation, recognizing that fees and tuitions represent a significant financial contribution by the families affected, while at the same time noting that they are a key source of revenue that preserves educational personnel and programming during a time when other sources of revenue are inadequate to sustain our district's needs.

Please note that this recommendation does not address self-sustained programs such as the Food Services program, after school instrumental lessons, and the Extended School Care program, which may be addressed at a later date.

If the School Committee concurs and wishes to have fees and tuitions remain static for the coming year, no action is necessary. A vote will be required to make any changes to rates.