FY19 Budget: State Aid and Charges Update

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Purpose of Report

• The annual operating budget process <u>necessarily</u> <u>involves making estimates</u> for state aid and charges because the overall Town/School budget is finalized in May at Town Meeting but the state budget process is not complete until July each year.

• This report compares the estimates to the actual amounts finalized in the state budget process.

General Fund [Town] Receipts

| Category | Budget | Actual/Updated Estimate | Variance |
|---|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Chapter 70 Education Aid | \$19,887,358 | \$19,887,358 | \$ 0 |
| Charter School Reim. | \$ 24,111 | \$ 24,111 | \$ 0 |
| Vocational Transportation Reim. | \$ 0 | \$ 9,198 | \$ 9,198 |
| Homeless Student Transportation Reim. | \$0 | \$ 17,738 | \$17,738 |
| | | Net Aid/Reim. Beyond Budget | \$26,936 |

General Fund [Town] Charges

| Category | Budget | Actual/Updated Estimate | Variance |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| School Choice- Sending Tuition | \$175,000 | \$256,161 | \$81,161 |
| Charter School- Sending Tuition | \$368,724 | \$389,534 | \$20,810 |
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| | | Net Charges Beyond Budget | \$101,971 |

School Dept. Receipts

| Category | Budget | Actual/Updated Estimate | Variance |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Circuit Breaker Reim. | \$3,005,000 | \$3,036,064* | \$31,064 |
| School Choice- Receiving Tuition | \$135,000 | \$145,604 | \$10,604 |
| *Based on unaudited Net Claim submitted July 2018 | | Net Aid/Reim. Beyond Budget | \$41,664 |

Summary

- The actual FY19 state aid and charges amounts budgeted by the Town Manager and School Department are very close to the actuals/updated estimates published at the completion of the state budget process.
- There are *de minimus* variances that will not impact our budget plans.