

# FY23 Budget Reconsideration

School Committee Meeting  
July 19, 2022 6:30 pm  
Educational Support Center (PDC)  
& via Zoom



**QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# School Committee Action to Date

Date	Budget Version	Budget Version Purpose	Reduction	Cumulative Reduction	Total	\$ Increase over FY22	% Increase over FY22
FY22					\$35,589,974.00		
1/20/22	Proposed 1 (PP1)	Preliminary			\$37,678,421.65	\$2,088,447.65	5.87%
3/10/22	Proposed 2 (PP2)	Public Hearing	-\$411,344.47		\$37,267,077.18	\$1,677,103.18	4.71%
4/28/22	Proposed 3 (PP3)	Assessment Letters	-\$233,989.61	-\$645,334.07	\$37,033,087.58	\$1,443,113.58	4.05%
5/26/22	Proposed 4 (PP4)	Annual Town Meetings	-\$591,089.58	-\$1,236,423.65	\$36,441,998.00	\$852,024.00	2.39%

# Results of Annual Town Meetings

Member Community	Certified Assessment	ATM Date	Board Action	Action from the Floor	Results
Hubbardston	\$5,457,284.03	June 7	Certified Assessment not presented to voters Recommended \$5,251,649.00	Voter amended to Certified Assessment – amendment failed	Failed
Barre	\$6,199,860.81	June 14	Certified Assessment presented as Requested Recommended \$6,090,892.69	Voter amended to Certified Assessment – amendment passed	Passed
New Braintree	\$1,334,401.90	June 21	Certified Assessment presented as Requested Recommended \$1,297,833.00	No amendment offered	Failed <i>Budget Fails</i>
Hardwick	\$2,795,030.34	June 25	Certified Assessment not presented to voters Recommended \$2,698,399.68	Voter amended to Certified Assessment – amendment failed	Failed
Oakham	\$2,419,604.92	June 27	Certified Assessment presented as Requested & Recommended by Boards		Passed

# What do the underfunded assessments equal in budget cuts?

*Remember, member communities pay their share of the budget over RLC equal to their share of resident enrollment*

Community	Enrollment	Apportionment	for every \$100	Pays
Barre	765	39.01071%	Barre	\$39.01
Hardwick	331	16.87914%	Hardwick	\$16.88
Hubbardston	516	26.31311%	Hubbardston	\$26.31
New Braintree	119	6.06833%	New Braintree	\$6.07
Oakham	230	11.72871%	Oakham	\$11.73
Total	1,961	100.00000%	Total	\$100.00

# What do the underfunded assessments equal in budget cuts?

	Certified ATM	Voted at ATM	Difference	to get to town #
Barre	\$6,199,861	\$6,199,861	\$0	
Hardwick	\$2,795,030	\$2,698,400	-\$96,631	-\$572,486
Hubbardston	\$5,457,284	\$5,241,649	-\$215,635	-\$819,497
New Braintree	\$1,334,402	\$1,297,833	-\$36,569	-\$602,619
Oakham	\$2,419,605	\$2,419,605	\$0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,206,182</b>	<b>\$17,857,348</b>		

Formula: Difference / Apportionment Rate = Budget Cut			
Community	Difference	Apportionment	Amount of Cuts
Barre	\$0	39.01071%	
Hardwick	-\$96,631	16.87914%	-\$572,486
Hubbardston	-\$215,635	26.31311%	-\$819,497
New Braintree	-\$36,569	6.06833%	-\$602,619
Oakham	\$0	11.72871%	

# Comparing Assessment/Student Rates for Academic v Vocational Region

Member Community	QUABBIN			VOCATIONAL DISTRICT		
	Certified Assessment - ATM	Oct 1 Enrollment	Assessment per Student	Certified Assessment - ATM	Oct 1 Enrollment	Assessment per Student
Barre	\$6,199,860.81	765	\$8,104.39	\$370,256.00	50	\$7,405.12
Hardwick	\$2,795,030.34	331	\$8,444.20	\$212,061.00	20	\$10,603.05
Hubbardston	\$5,457,284.03	516	\$10,576.13	\$497,609.00	44	\$11,309.30
New Braintree	\$1,334,401.90	119	\$11,213.46	\$106,429.00	7	\$15,204.14
Oakham	\$2,419,604.92	230	\$10,520.02	\$174,614.00	13	\$13,431.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,206,182.00</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>\$9,284.13</b>	<b>\$1,360,969.00</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>\$10,156.49</b>

Note: There are 11 students from Barre that have chosen to go to school at Pathfinder (10) and Tantasqua (1). Monty Tech pays \$5,000 per student to those students attending other vocational school thru School Choice.

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 CHAPTER 71. PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

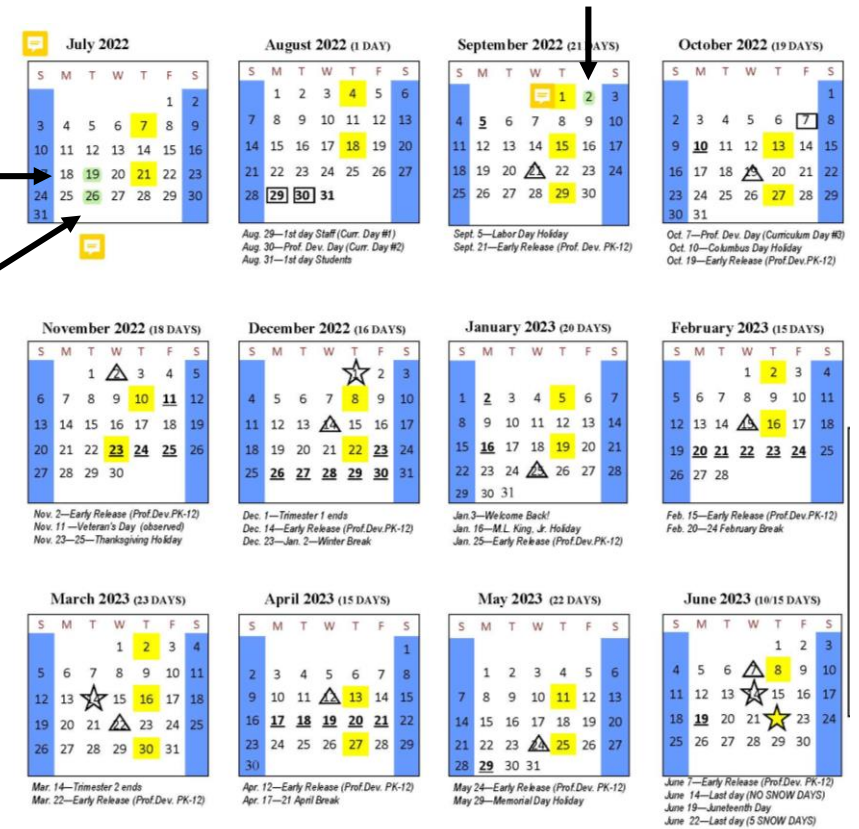
Chapter 71: Section 16B. Budgets; apportionment of expenses

# NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS

Special Town Meetings (STM) must be held in Hardwick, Hubbardston & New Braintree within 45 days of the School Committee vote - September 2nd.  
 Any town which fails to take action on the assessment letter is deemed to have passed its assessment.

Reconsideration meeting must be within 30 days of failed budget vote.  
 Budget failed June 21.  
 30 days is July 21st.  
 Meeting on July 19th.

New assessment letters must be mailed within 7 days of new vote - July 26





# Other Funding Sources Supporting Operations (Salaries only unless otherwise noted)

Fund	Amount	Salaries + ...
024-School Choice	\$2,402,794	Transportation (\$291,510)
042-School Property Use	\$117,500	
119-ESSER III	\$624,399	MA Teachers' Retirement Match
240-IDEA	\$697,802	NECC Program Contracted Service
262-Early Childhood	\$28,043	
305-Title I	\$386,918	Private School share & MTR Match
994-CDC Drugfree Communities	\$60,900	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,318,356</b>	



# Current Enrollment Status & Staffing Decisions



Grade Level & Sections	K	1	2	3	4	5
Ruggles Lane School	26	22	28	22	24	26
	25	22	29	22	25	26
	*	22		22		
Hubbardston Center School	20	20	25	24	22	28
	20	20	24	24	21	27
Hardwick Elementary School	24	17	24	17	28	27
	*	17		16		
Oakham/New Braintree	17	24	33	24	15	20
					15	19

KEY:

\* Currently have staffing for 3 sections

Cautiously watching enrollment

Current enrollment greater than optimal

# Recommended Changes to Budget Presented at ATM

Expense Line Item (all cost centers combined)	Reduction
Post Custodial Salaries to SPU Revolving (new rental income from CAPS)	-\$81,753.44
Reduce Equipment Maintenance	-\$11,159.00
Reduce PD-Course Reimbursement	-\$20,000.00
Reduce Conference/Travel	-\$10,050.56
<b>Total Reductions in Proposed #5</b>	<b>-\$122,963.00</b>

# What is the impact of this recommendation?

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<b>7/19/22</b>	<b>Proposed 5 (PP5)</b>	<b>Reconsideration</b>	<b>-\$122,963.00</b>	<b>-\$1,359,386.65</b>	<b>\$36,319,035.00</b>	<b>\$729,061.00</b>	<b>2.05%</b>

# Appropriation Control Report with this Recommendation

## Quabbin Regional School District



### FY23 Budget - Appropriation Control Report

Appropriation Category	FY22 Amended Budget	FY23 Preliminary (PP1)	FY23 Budget (PP2)	FY23 (PP3) April Assessments	FY23 (PP4) to ATMs	FY23 (PP5) Reconsideration 7.19.22	\$ Difference (PP to PP)	% Difference (PP to PP)	\$ Difference FY23 to FY22	% Difference FY23 to FY22
<b>Undesignated &amp; Reg Education</b>										
1100-1435 District Administration & Legal	\$941,787	\$972,938	\$968,621	\$968,621	\$964,350	\$959,900	-\$4,450	-0.5%	\$18,112	1.9%
1450/2250 Administrative Technology & Support	\$297,318	\$258,516	\$258,516	\$258,516	\$258,516	\$258,516	\$0	0.0%	-\$38,802	-13.1%
2110-3200 Instructional Support	\$13,789,837	\$14,649,774	\$14,417,336	\$14,233,819	\$13,840,268	\$13,805,509	-\$34,759	-0.3%	\$15,672	0.1%
3300 Transportation Services	\$1,470,380	\$1,584,680	\$1,584,680	\$1,584,680	\$1,584,680	\$1,584,680	\$0	0.0%	\$114,300	7.8%
3400 School Nutrition Services	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
3510-3520 Athletics & Student Activities	\$613,201	\$643,355	\$643,755	\$651,728	\$651,728	\$651,728	\$0	0.0%	\$38,527	6.3%
3600 School Security	\$186,070	\$243,584	\$243,584	\$243,584	\$243,584	\$243,584	\$0	0.0%	\$57,514	30.9%
4110-4300 Facilities	\$3,163,671	\$3,648,647	\$3,527,502	\$3,527,502	\$3,437,897	\$3,356,143	-\$81,753	-2.4%	\$192,472	6.1%
4400/4450 Technology Infrastructure Mtce & Support	\$572,160	\$582,190	\$582,190	\$582,190	\$582,190	\$582,190	\$0	0.0%	\$10,031	1.8%
5100-5250 Benefits	\$5,442,000	\$6,506,486	\$6,622,364	\$6,612,041	\$6,559,965	\$6,559,965	\$0	0.0%	\$1,117,965	20.5%
5260 Fixed Charges	\$154,348	\$160,200	\$136,037	\$136,037	\$136,037	\$136,037	\$0	0.0%	-\$18,311	-11.9%
9000 Tuition	\$785,371	\$575,293	\$575,293	\$575,293	\$575,293	\$575,293	\$0	0.0%	-\$210,078	-26.7%
<b>Total Undesignated &amp; Reg Ed</b>	<b>\$27,416,643</b>	<b>\$29,826,163</b>	<b>\$29,560,379</b>	<b>\$29,374,511</b>	<b>\$28,835,008</b>	<b>\$28,714,046</b>	<b>-\$120,962</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>\$1,297,403</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>Special Education</b>										
1430/1435 Legal Services	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
1450 Administrative Technology & Support	\$2,015	\$2,015	\$2,015	\$2,015	\$2,015	\$2,015	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
2110-3200 Instructional Support	\$5,138,496	\$5,236,751	\$5,091,191	\$5,043,070	\$4,991,482	\$4,989,482	-\$2,001	0.0%	-\$149,014	-2.9%
3300 Transportation Services	\$1,208,324	\$1,211,645	\$1,211,645	\$1,211,645	\$1,211,645	\$1,211,645	\$0	0.0%	\$3,321	0.3%
9000 Tuition	\$1,677,697	\$1,257,147	\$1,257,147	\$1,257,147	\$1,257,147	\$1,257,147	\$0	0.0%	-\$420,550	-25.1%
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>\$8,051,532</b>	<b>\$7,732,557</b>	<b>\$7,586,998</b>	<b>\$7,538,877</b>	<b>\$7,487,289</b>	<b>\$7,485,289</b>	<b>-\$2,001</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-\$566,243</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>
<b>Total Non-Debt Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$35,468,175</b>	<b>\$37,558,720</b>	<b>\$37,147,377</b>	<b>\$36,913,388</b>	<b>\$36,322,298</b>	<b>\$36,199,335</b>	<b>-\$122,963</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>\$731,160</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
8000 Debt	\$121,800	\$119,700	\$119,700	\$119,700	\$119,700	\$119,700	\$0	0.0%	-\$2,100	-1.7%
<b>Total Budget Appropriation</b>	<b>\$35,589,974</b>	<b>\$37,678,422</b>	<b>\$37,267,077</b>	<b>\$37,033,088</b>	<b>\$36,441,998</b>	<b>\$36,319,035</b>	<b>-\$122,963</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>\$729,061</b>	<b>2.0%</b>

# What does this reduction do to assessment increases & ATM appropriations?

Assessment Increases		
Community	at ATM	Recommendation
Barre	7.39%	6.56%
Hardwick	7.72%	6.92%
Hubbardston	8.07%	7.43%
New Braintree	6.41%	5.82%
Oakham	2.63%	2.01%
<b>Average</b>	<b>6.91%</b>	<b>6.19%</b>

	Certified ATM	Voted at ATM	Difference	to get to town #	Proposed 7/19	△ to ATM vote	to get all
Barre	\$6,199,861	\$6,199,861	\$0		\$6,151,892	-\$47,969	
Hardwick	\$2,795,030	\$2,698,400	-\$96,631	<b>-\$572,486</b>	\$2,774,275	\$75,876	\$449,523
Hubbardston	\$5,457,284	\$5,241,649	-\$215,635	<b>-\$819,497</b>	\$5,424,929	\$183,280	\$696,534
New Braintree	\$1,334,402	\$1,297,833	-\$36,569	<b>-\$602,619</b>	\$1,326,940	\$29,107	\$479,656
Oakham	\$2,419,605	\$2,419,605	\$0		\$2,405,183	-\$14,422	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,206,182</b>	<b>\$17,857,348</b>			<b>\$18,083,219</b>	<b>\$225,871</b>	<b>\$1,625,712</b>

*For your  
information only*

# A survey of regional school district budget increases for FY23

District	FY23 Budget Increase
Hoosac Valley (Adams, Cheshire)	1.96%
Ashburnham-Westminster	4.14%
Dudley-Charlton	3.23%
Nauset (Cape Cod)	5.74%
Bay Path Vocational	6.70%
Northboro/Southboro	3.07%
Lincoln/Sudbury	3.00%
Pioneer (Bernardston, Northfield)	2.54%
Hamilton-Wenham	1.80%
Mohawk Trail	10.3%
RC Mahar (Orange, Petersham, New Salem, Wendell)	3.91%
Masconomet (Boxford, Middleton, Topsfield)	2.50%
QUABBIN	2.05%