



Town of Belmont
Town Administration's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Recommendation

February 10, 2014

EDUCATION

BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

FY14 Budget	FY15 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
\$44,349,100	\$46,156,000	\$1,806,900	4.07%

Town and School Officials as well as Elected Officials, again worked very closely in the budget process to develop a balanced budget recommendation for FY15. Based on available revenues, the Belmont Public Schools total submitted budget for FY15 is \$46,156,000 which is an increase of \$1,806,900, or 4.1%. The proposed FY15 School Budget reflects an increase of approximately 18 FTE positions.

The initial available revenue allocation to the FY15 School Budget was \$1.1 million. The FY15 State Budget submitted by the Governor included a substantial increase in Chapter 70 – School Aide to the Town of Belmont. Overall, State Aid is scheduled to increase by approximately \$556,000. This full amount has been allocated to the School Budget. In addition, approximately \$145,000 in savings from projected costs due to a reduction in the FY15 Minuteman Vocational School District Assessment for Belmont students. This savings has also been allocated to the FY15 School Budget.

For more detailed information on the Belmont Public Schools budget please visit their website at www.belmont.k12.ma.us or call the School Administration Office at (617) 993-5400.

MINUTEMAN ASSESSMENT:

FY14 Budget	FY15 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
\$851,984	\$749,050	(\$102,934)	-12.08%

The Town of Belmont is a member of the Minuteman Vocational School District. Each year Minuteman provides an estimate of the assessment to each member community to fund its annual budget. The estimated FY15 assessment is \$749,050, which is a \$102,934 decrease from the FY14 assessment of \$851,984. This FY15 assessment is based on approximately 30 Belmont students attending Minuteman.

ABOUT MINUTEMAN:

Minuteman High School is located in Lexington Massachusetts on a 65-acre campus just west of Route 128/I-95 at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Marrett Road (Route 2A). They are a four-year public high school serving a sixteen-town school district plus many cities and towns in Eastern Massachusetts. The school is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and all of its programs operate under MGL Chapter 74 and the auspices of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Academic classes and career major classes are delivered on a weekly rotating system (one week academic, one week career major).

College preparatory courses in Math, Science, English, World Languages and Business Management and honors courses are offered to students who successfully test to the appropriate level. Starting September 2012, AP English Literature became available to senior



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students. The Cooperative Education program allows qualifying seniors to work for pay in their field of study approximately 40 hours per week during the career major week.

In addition to a high school diploma, graduating seniors are eligible for industry credentials. In some career majors, hours may be applied toward licensing and apprenticeship program requirements. Programs allow qualified students to: test out of a course, gain college credit while at Minuteman, or take a course through independent study or online.

For more on Minuteman one may visit www.minuteman.org or call the school at (781) 861-6500.