



Town of Belmont
Town Administration's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Recommendation

February 22, 2016

EDUCATION

BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

FY16 Budget	FY17 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
\$ 49,660,070	\$ 50,126,583	\$ 466,513	0.94%

Town and School Officials as well as Elected Officials, again worked very closely in the budget process to develop a balanced budget recommendation for FY17. Based on available revenues, the Belmont Public Schools total submitted budget for FY17 is \$50,126,000 which is an increase of \$466,513, or 0.94%. However, it should be noted that approximately \$2.5 million in School plant operations and maintenance budget items have been moved to the Facilities Budget as part of phased approach to consolidate all Town and School facilities costs into one budget. The total FY17 School Budget before this change equaled \$52,656,000, an increase of \$2,995,930, or 6% from FY16.

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:

FY16 Budget	FY17 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
\$ 831,525	\$ 751,165	\$ (80,360)	-9.66%

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 FY17 assessment is \$751,165 which is a decrease of \$(80,360) from the FY16 assessment of

\$831,525. This FY17 assessment is based on approximately 26 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).

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.