



Town of Belmont
Town Administration's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Recommendation

February 9, 2015

EDUCATION

BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

FY15 Budget	FY16 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
\$46,156,000	\$47,457,000	\$1,301,000	2.82%

Town and School Officials as well as Elected Officials, again worked very closely in the budget process to develop a balanced budget recommendation for FY16. Based on available revenues, the Belmont Public Schools total submitted budget for FY16 is \$47,457,000 which is an increase of \$1,301,000, or 2.82%.

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:

FY15 Budget	FY16 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
\$751,050	\$832,850	\$81,800	10.89%

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 FY16 assessment is \$832,850, which is a \$81,800 increase from the FY15 assessment of \$751,050. This FY16 assessment is based on approximately 31 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 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.