

Belmont Public Schools FY20 Budget Presentation

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**TOWN MEETING – SUSAN BURGESS-COX
JUNE 5, 2019**

Belmont Public Schools Mission Statement

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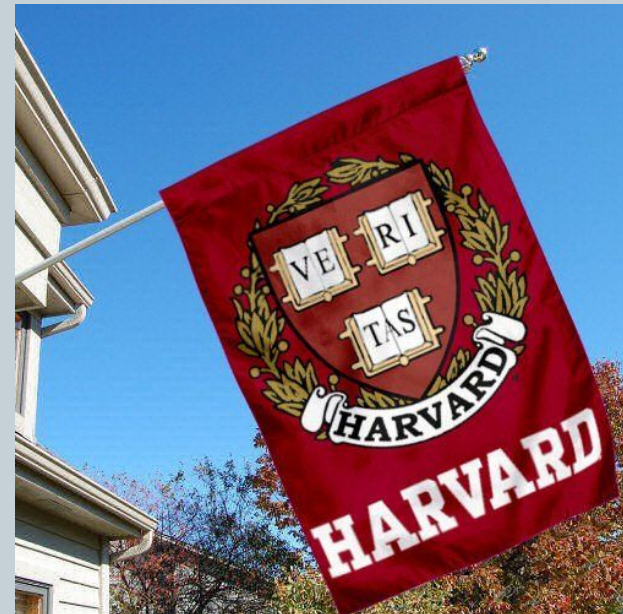
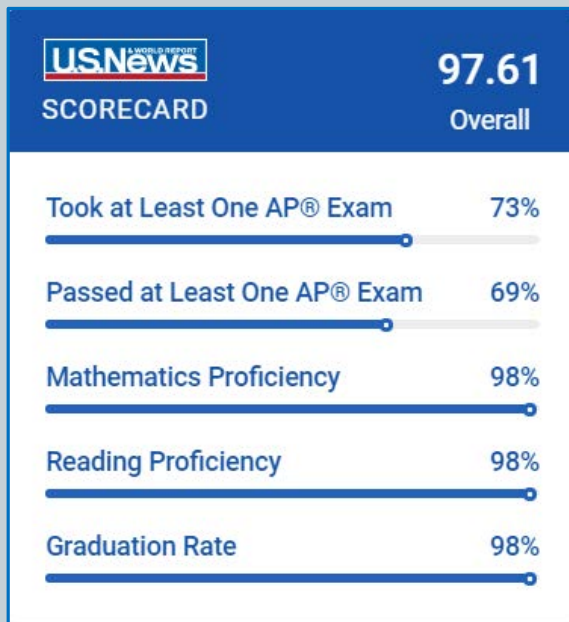
With a commitment to teaching and learning, the Belmont Public Schools strive to nurture the knowledge, skills, and emotional development of each student in order to create a community of engaged learners who contribute to the common good and are of service to others.

BPS Mission –Engaged Learners

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U.S. News & World Report ranked BHS 9th best public high school in Massachusetts

A BHS 2018 graduate, one of six students worldwide to earn every point possible on the AP Psychology Exam, received the maximum score on each portion of the exam – now at Harvard



Everyday BPS Successes

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Belmont High School

• Academic

- Belmont High School Science Team placed third out of 55 teams in the Massachusetts State Science Olympiad competition
- 31 students earned a total of 52 Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards
- 93 BHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society

• Athletics

- Marauders advanced to MIAA post-season Div. III North playoffs for the first time
- Girls Indoor Track made Liberty Division Champions
- Girls Indoor Track, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball are all Middlesex League Champions

• Visual & Performing Arts

- 74 students participated in the 2019 MMEA-Northeast Senior District; 18 Eighteen students performed in the MMEA All-State Festival
- BHS Theater held Broadway Night, One Act night, Improv Night, Gentlemen of Verona fall play and Little Shop of Horrors spring musical

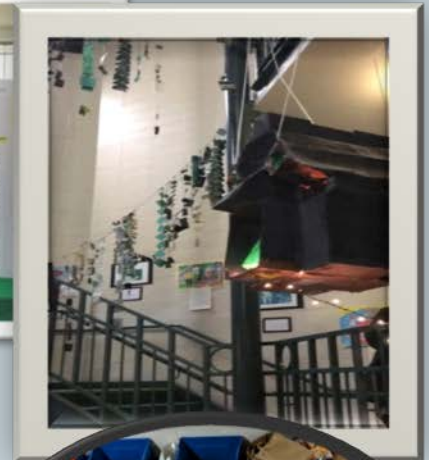


Everyday BPS Successes

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Chenery Middle School

- Academic
 - **Massachusetts State Science Olympiad** competition for science and engineering.
 - The Library sponsored “**Meet the Author**” events and author visits for student engagement
 - Mock Congress in Social Studies class
- Athletics
 - The **Chenery Regular (Varsity) and Chenery Alternate-1** teams placed fourth and second respectively in state-wide competition. Seven pairs of students placed first in their individual event competition.
- Clubs
 - Community Service Club organized yearly events such as the Belmont Food Pantry Drive
- Visual & Performing Arts
 - Fifty-seven students in grades 7-10 accepted to participate in the MMEA Northeastern Jr. District Festival band, chorus, orchestra and jazz ensemble



Everyday BPS Successes

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Our Elementary Schools

Burbank, Butler, Wellington, Winn Brook

- **Read Across America** in March
- Math and Science Nights
- STEM Nights
- Multicultural Nights
- Annual Geography Challenge
- Visits from **Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Acton Discovery Museum**, and children's authors
- **P.A.C.K. weeks** - a national healthy eating initiative encouraging children to choose a wide variety of fruits and vegetables
- First preschool **Pajama Jam Night** for parents to build relationships with parents and the school community



BPS Mission – Service to Others

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Masako Owada, a 1981 BHS graduate, is the new empress of Japan



Boys Ice Hockey Team awarded the James F. Mulloy Ice Hockey Team Sportsmanship Award



Partnerships

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We thank our partners for supporting our students in their success:

- Belmont Boosters
- Belmont Against Racism (BAR)
- Friends of Belmont (FOB)
- Foundation for Belmont Education (FBE)
- Parent/Teacher Assoc. and Parent/Teacher Org. (PTA & PTO)
- PATRONS (Parents of Performing Arts Students)
- Parents of Music Students (POMS)

Belmont Middle and High School Project

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Thank you Town of Belmont!

We thank the Town of Belmont, the Board of Selectmen, the Town officials and Town departments for all the support leading up to the next exciting step of a new 7-12 Belmont and Middle High School.

- Groundbreaking held on May 28, 2019 attended by the public and invited guests
- Summer 2019 - Construction at the high school begins this June
- Summer 2020 – Entire site closed for construction
- Summer 2021 – Students in grades 9-12 move into new school



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**TOWN MEETING – JOHN PHELAN
JUNE 5, 2019**

Budget Challenges

- Enrollment
- Per Pupil Expenditures

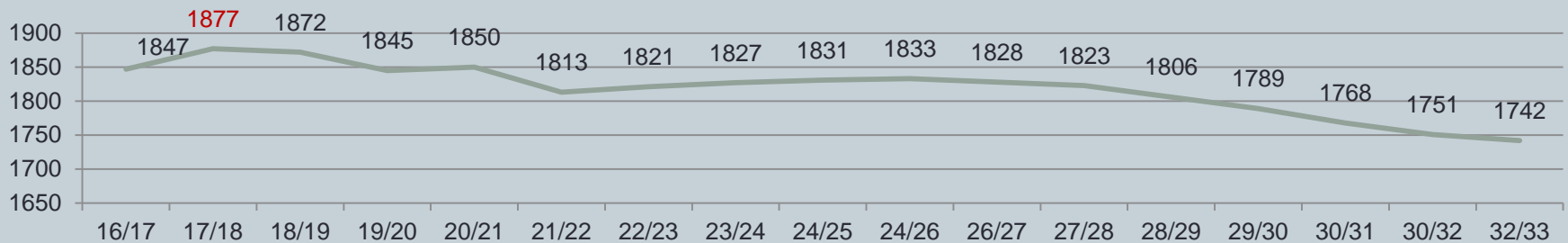
Updated Enrollment Projections, March, 2018 – McKibben Associates

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Elementary 15 Year Enrollment Forecast

Year	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33
Enroll	1847	1877	1872	1845	1850	1813	1821	1827	1831	1833	1828	1823	1806	1789	1768	1751	1742
# change	50	30	-5	-27	5	-37	8	6	4	2	-5	-5	-17	-17	-21	-17	-9
% change	2.78%	1.62%	-0.27%	-1.44%	0.27%	-2.00%	0.44%	0.33%	0.22%	0.11%	-0.27%	-0.27%	-0.93%	-0.94%	-1.17%	-0.96%	-0.51%

Elementary Enrollment Projection 2016/17-2032/33

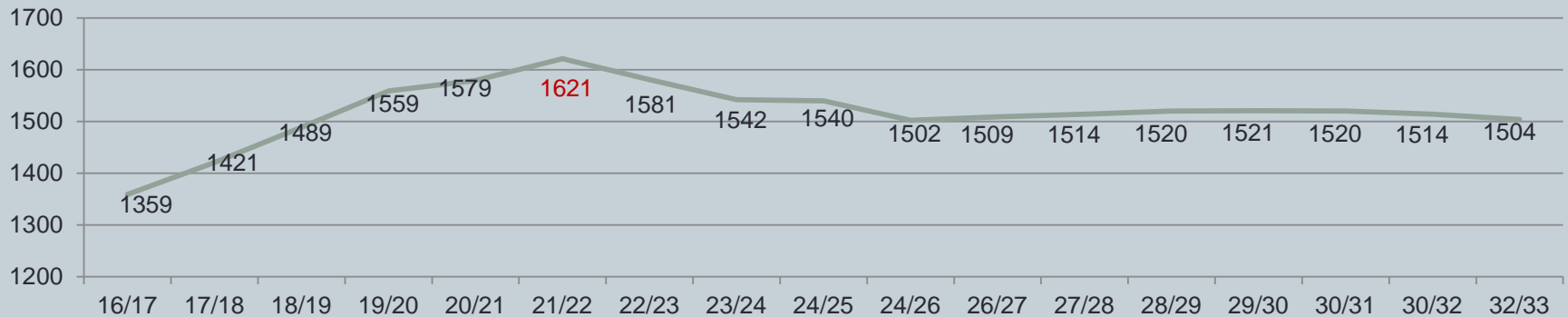


Updated Enrollment Projections (cont.)

Chenery Middle School 15 Year Enrollment Forecast

Year	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33
Enroll	1359	1421	1489	1559	1579	1621	1581	1542	1540	1502	1509	1514	1520	1521	1520	1514	1504
# change	36	62	68	70	20	42	-40	-39	-2	-38	7	5	6	1	-1	-6	-10
% change	2.72%	4.56%	4.79%	4.70%	1.28%	2.66%	-2.47%	-2.47%	-0.13%	-2.47%	0.47%	0.33%	0.40%	0.07%	-0.07%	-0.39%	-0.66%

CMS Enrollment Projection 2016/17-2032/33

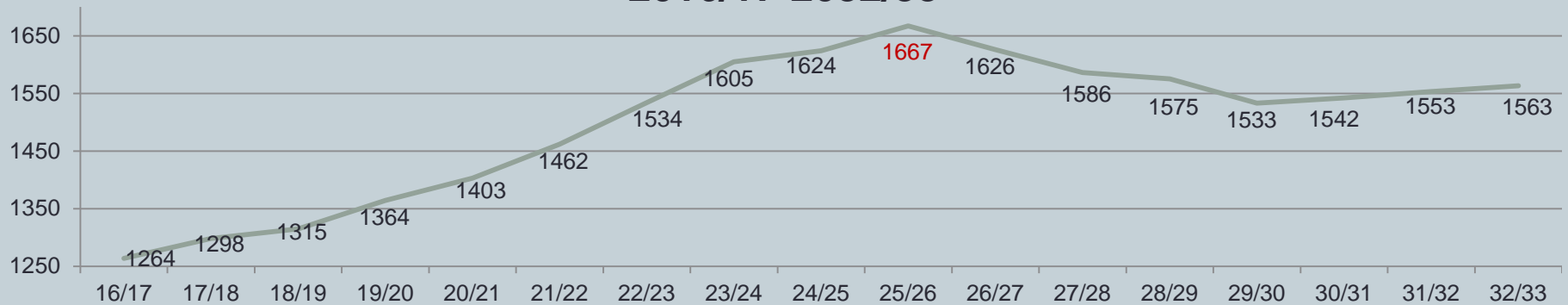


Updated Enrollment Projections (cont.)

Belmont High School 15 Year Enrollment Forecast

Year	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33
Enroll	1264	1298	1315	1364	1403	1462	1534	1605	1624	1667	1626	1586	1575	1533	1542	1553	1563
# change	18	34	17	49	39	59	72	71	19	43	-41	-40	-11	-42	9	11	10
% change	1.44%	2.69%	1.31%	3.73%	2.86%	4.21%	4.92%	4.63%	1.18%	2.65%	-2.46%	-2.46%	-0.69%	-2.67%	0.59%	0.71%	0.64%

BHS Enrollment Projection 2016/17-2032/33



Updated Enrollment Projections (cont.)

District Enrollment Projection Summary

	2018/19 Totals (Oct. 1, 2018)	2018/19 Avg/Grade	Peak Year	Peak Totals	Peak Avg/Grade	2027/28 Totals	2027/28 Avg/Grade	Total Change 2018/19 vs 2027/28	Avg/Grade Change 2018/19 vs 2027/28
Elementary*	1826	365	2020/21	1850	370	1823	365	-3	0
Middle	1432	358	2021/22	1621	405	1514	379	82	21
High	1310	328	2025/26	1667	417	1586	397	276	69
	4568	351				4923	379	355	

* Elementary peak updated to FY21 based on actuals for FY18 and FY19.

** The number of grades per school level shown above reflect the current building configurations throughout the district. For consistency, all projections were made using the same configurations through year 2033.

Per Pupil Expenditures

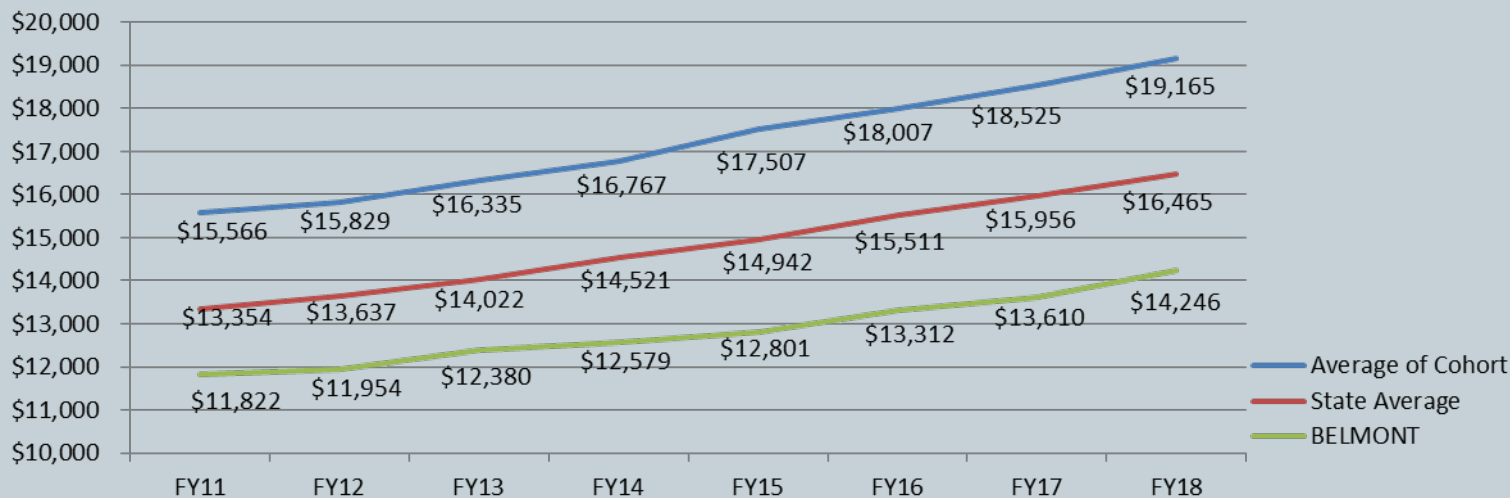
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- Review of DESE data shows that from FY11-FY19, out of 27 comparison districts, Belmont has ranked as the 24th, 25th, or 26th lowest district in per pupil spending
- Districts included were comparable districts and neighboring communities:

Acton-Boxborough	Concord	Newton	Wellesley
Arlington	Concord Carlisle	Sharon	Westborough
Bedford	Dover	Sherborn	Westford
BELMONT	Dover-Sherborn	Sudbury	Weston
Brookline	Lexington	Waltham	Westwood
Burlington	Marblehead	Watertown	Winchester
Cambridge	Milton	Wayland	

Per Pupil Expenditures (cont.): Comparison of Belmont to State Average and to Cohort

	FY11 \$	FY12 \$	FY13 \$	FY14 \$	FY15 \$	FY16 \$	FY17 \$	FY18 \$
State Average	13,354	13,637	14,022	14,521	14,942	15,511	15,956	16,465
BELMONT	11,822	11,954	12,380	12,579	12,801	13,312	13,610	14,246
State Ave vs BELMONT	1,385	1,378	1,363	1,722	1,914	2,162	2,300	2,219
% Below State Average	11.6%	11.2%	10.8%	13.5%	14.7%	16.2%	16.8%	15.6%
Average of Cohort	15,566	15,829	16,335	16,767	17,507	18,007	18,525	19,165
BELMONT	11,822	11,954	12,380	12,579	12,801	13,312	13,610	14,246
Cohort Ave vs BELMONT	3,597	3,570	3,676	3,968	4,478	4,658	4,869	4,919
% Below Cohort Average	30.1%	29.1%	29.0%	31.0%	34.4%	34.9%	35.7%	34.5%



FY20 Budget Overview

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	FY19 BUDGET	FY20 BUDGET	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
ROLL-FORWARD AMOUNTS	56,985,592	58,983,007	1,997,415	3.50%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing staff and contractual increases 				
STRATEGIC PLAN COST DRIVERS		880,524	880,524	1.55%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.60 Positions, plus corresponding health insurance Charging a greater portion of extracurricular costs & stipends to the general fund instead of increasing student fees Texts, materials, supplies – Increase due to enrollment Relocation costs during BHS construction 				
EXTERNAL COST DRIVERS		785,919	785,919	1.38%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases in SPED tuitions, transportation, contract services Health insurance: 8% FY19 increase Town-wide 				
TOTAL FY20 BUDGET (GEN FUND)	56,985,592	60,649,451	3,663,859	6.43%

FY20 Budget Overview (cont.)

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ROLL-FORWARD AMOUNTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•3.5% Increase over FY19 Budget•In-line with Town expense increases•In-line with Override funds plus new growth
STRATEGIC PLAN COST DRIVERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•1.55% Increase over FY19 on top of roll-forward increase
EXTERNAL COST DRIVERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•1.38% Increase over FY19 on top of roll-forward increase•SPED Tuitions – 3%, based on CB balance, as a one-time adjustment to the 7% TFTF index•Health insurance: 8% Town-wide increase for FY20

FY20 Budget: Positions Added – Strategic Plan Cost Drivers

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ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

1.40 Elementary Guidance Counselors

0.40 Middle School Foreign Language Teacher

0.40 High School Teachers

0.40 High School Assistant Principal

1.00 District-wide English Language Learner Program Director
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3.60 FTEs in Total

What is Included in the FY20 Budget:

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- **School General Fund Budget for FY20 is \$60,649,451.**
- **Roll forward all existing positions; and add 3.60 FTEs.**
- **Health insurance premiums are budgeted to increase by 8% over FY19 rates.**
- **For FY20, Special Education out-of-district tuitions are budgeted at an increase of 3% over the FY19 Budget. An additional 4% of out-of-district costs will be charged to State Circuit Breaker carry over funds allocated to the district in FY19:**
 - **The 3% increase for FY20 is less than the Town Financial Task Force index of 7%, and is a one-time adjustment based on favorable State Circuit Breaker allotments in FY18 and FY19.**
 - **The district has developed and implemented a multi-plan for funding Special Education out-of-district tuitions through a combination of: General Fund Budget, Federal IDEA Grant, State Circuit Breaker allocation and LABBB credits.**
 - **The tuition line items in the FY20 Budget are aligned with this plan.**

What is Included in the FY20 Budget (cont.):

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- Charging a greater portion of extracurricular costs & stipends to the general fund instead of student fees due to enrollment/participation and stipend increases: \$320,350.
- Increase in texts/materials/supplies due to enrollment increases: \$74,887.
- Relocation expenses for some athletics practices and events due to BHS construction: \$73,024.
- Adding another school bus due to enrollment increases, for a total of nine buses: \$73,800.
- Federal grants are budgeted in FY20 as level funded from FY19 plus contractual increases for staff allocated to grants.
- Full Day Kindergarten revolving funds will continue to offset a portion of Kindergarten teacher and aide salaries.
- School Building Rental revolving funds will continue to be utilized to support the maintenance and repairs of school facilities.
- User fees will remain the same for FY20.

Next Steps

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- **The Belmont School Committee and School Department are recommending and requesting that Town Meeting vote to approve the FY20 General Fund Budget Of \$60,649,451. This amount does not include estimated state and federal grants, and revolving fees, which are budgeted at \$8,339,777 resulting in a total budget of \$68,989,228.**