

Worcester Public Schools

FY23 Recommended Annual Budget

School Committee Public Hearing
May 25, 2022

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TERMS USED



Student Opportunity Act (SOA)

FY23 is the Second Year of Six-Year Phase-in of New Funding

The recent Student Opportunity Act increases specific per-pupil rates reflecting recommendations from the state's Foundation Budget Review Commission Report (2015) in special education, employee benefits and fixed charges, low income, English learners, and guidance and student support.



ESSER: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

ESSER I funds - established as part of the Education Stabilization Fund in the CARES Act

ESSER II funds - established by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA)

ESSER III funds - established by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

FY23 Major Budget Themes for the Worcester Public Schools



Enrollment Decline

Continued enrollment decline primarily at elementary and Head Start levels



Inflation Rate

Modest foundation inflation rate but capped at 4.5% by state statute



Student Opportunity Act

Second Year of Six-Year Phase-in of SOA

FY23 funds new positions and programs added this year



ESSER Funds & Hold Harmless

ESSER II & III continues with SOA bridge funds, expanded summer and afterschool funds, technology, maintenance, & HVAC upgrades



New Staffing & Resource Needs

Annual Budget Adjustment for new positions and spending needs



Foundation Budget Factors

FY23 Budget Impact for the Worcester Public Schools



Enrollment

-\$2.5 million



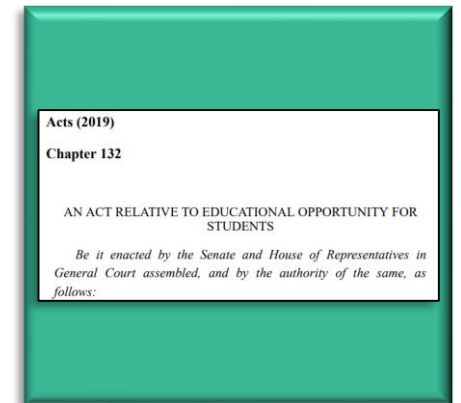
Inflation

\$18.0 million



Low Income Count

+1.8 million



Student
Opportunity Act
+\$13.2 million

Includes resident charter school and school choice students in all of these calculations

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FY23 General Fund Budget

Going from Foundation Budget to Expected Operating Budget

	FY22	FY23	Change	%
Chapter 70 State Aid	\$291,115,647	\$316,240,166	\$25,124,519	8.6%
City Contribution	<u>\$127,052,444</u>	<u>\$132,423,481</u>	<u>\$5,371,037</u>	<u>4.2%</u>
Sub-Total	\$418,168,091	\$448,663,647	\$30,495,556	7.3%

Note: The FY23 foundation budget increase of \$30,506,077 and the FY23 general fund increase (the net school spending requirement) of \$30,495,556 are different by \$10,521 due to the way the state calculates the city’s required contribution. For FY23, under the state’s local contribution formula, the city’s contribution is increased by the Municipal Revenue Growth Factor from the Department of Revenue but is still short of the target local share amount for expected local contribution. The formula increases the local required contribution but caps the increment at no more than an additional 1% of the difference.

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Less: Charter School Tuition	-\$31,612,921	-\$33,484,857	-\$1,871,936	5.9%
Add: Charter Reimbursement	\$5,521,488	\$6,336,777	\$815,289	14.8%
Less: School Choice Tuition	-\$3,406,130	-\$3,495,419	-\$89,289	2.6%
Less: State Special Education Assessment	<u>-\$198,440</u>	<u>-\$217,996</u>	-\$19,556	9.9%
Total Tuition Assessments	<u>-\$29,696,003</u>	<u>-\$30,861,495</u>	<u>-\$1,165,492</u>	<u>3.9%</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET	\$388,472,088	\$417,802,152	\$29,330,064	7.6%

FY23 Budget Planning

Budget Item	Amount
FY23 General Fund Budget Change	\$29,330,064
FY23 Level Service Increases* <i>(at approximately 3.5%)</i>	-\$12,844,426
Transfer FY22 SOA Bridge Funds from ESSER	-\$13,157,478
Transfer FY22 Enrollment Hold Harmless from ESSER	<u>-\$3,328,160</u>
Total Funds to be transferred from ESSER	-\$29,330,064
FY23 General Fund <u>Baseline Budget Increase</u>	\$0

***Level Service cost increases not including new programs and services**

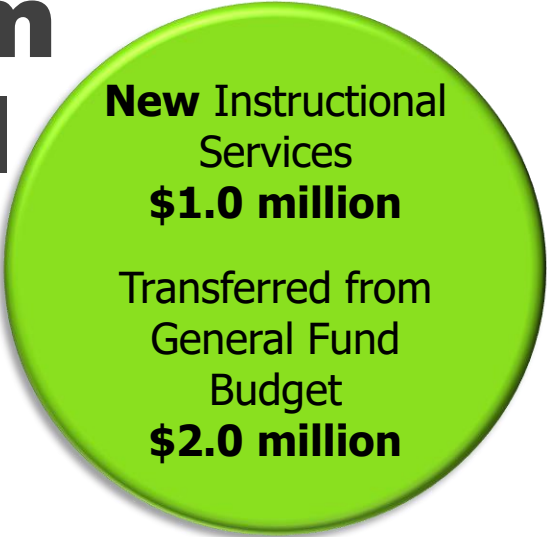
Inflationary cost increases for: health insurance, assessments, contractual increases, tuition costs, utility costs, etc.

FY23
Enrollment
“Hold
Harmless”
Detail

From ESSER Funding

Account	Item Transferred to ESSER Funds	Amount
91115	Kindergarten Instructional Assistants (73)	\$2,290,229
91118	Recreation Worcester	\$104,000
91123	Parent Liaison Salaries	\$295,848
91134	Literacy Tutors	\$582,167
91134	MCAS Tutors	\$302,727
500123	Health Insurance for Kindergarten Instructional Assistants	\$525,029
Total Spending Transferred to ESSER Funds		\$4,100,000

FY23 “SOA Bridge Funding” from ESSER Detail



New Positions Added	
16	High School Content Teachers
14	English Learner & Dual Language Teachers
12	Wrap Around Coordinators
46	Special Education Teachers & Support
4	School and District Support
70	Building Substitutes

New Spending (Non-Positions):

Description	FY23 Budget
Translation Services	\$262,850
Gerald Creamer Center Evening Programs	\$199,680
Health Insurance for ESSER Funded Positions	\$566,845
New Spending	\$1,029,375

Transferred from General Fund Budget:

Transferred from the General Fund to ESSER:		
Translations		\$405,600
Gerald Creamer Center		\$300,757
Wraparound Coordinators	6.0	\$371,497
Translation Services		\$461,374
Fees and Licenses		\$473,418
TOTAL TRANSFERRED FROM GENERAL FUND	6.0	\$2,012,646

FY23 OTHER NEW SPENDING INITIATIVES



New Positions Added	
232	School Bus Drivers and Bus Monitors
16	District Support Staff

Director of Recruitment & Cultivation
 Assistant Director Environmental Mgmt
 Assistant Director of Info. Technology
 6 IT Hardware Support positions
 1 IT Data Specialist

Assistant Athletic Director
 Human Resources Staff Assistant
 Procurement Coordinator
 2 IT Network Support positions
 1 Parent Liaison for PIC

New Spending (Non-Positions):

Description	FY23 Budget
Building Maintenance and Repair Projects	\$2,400,000
Instructional Supplies and Materials	\$808,000
Environmental Management	\$300,000
Diversity Recruitment and Test Vouchers	\$60,860
WEDF to support public relations and alumni & friends support	\$35,000
New Spending	\$3,603,860

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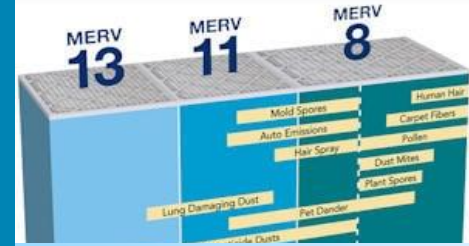
ESSER SPENDING PLAN



**Enrollment
Sustainability Funds**



**Student Opportunity
Act Bridge Funding**



**Ventilation System
Upgrades**



**Ventilation System
Maintenance**



**Summer and
Afterschool Programs**



**PPE, COVID Testing,
Nurses**



**District-Operated
School Buses**



**Sustain Technology
Spending**

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ESSER SPENDING PLAN

ESSER Annual Spending Plan by Year (By Grant):

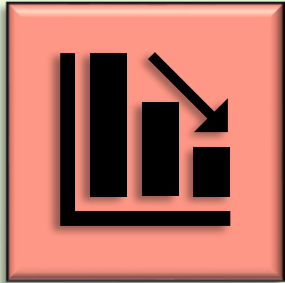
	FY21 Allocation	FY22 Allocation	FY23 Allocation	FY24 Allocation	Total Award
Federal Grant Revenue:					
Education Stabilization Fund - ESSER I	\$2,550,426	\$6,913,180	\$0	\$0	\$9,463,606
Education Stabilization Fund - ESSER II		\$23,638,146	\$11,177,804	\$0	\$34,815,950
Education Stabilization Fund - ESSER III		\$5,220,000	\$39,640,716	\$33,308,504	\$78,169,220
TOTAL ESSER FUNDS	\$2,550,426	\$35,771,326	\$50,818,520	\$33,308,504	\$122,448,776

ESSER Annual Spending Plan by Year (By Targeted Area):

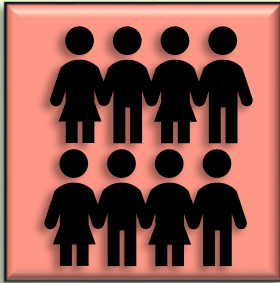
	FY21 Amount	FY22 Amount	FY23 Amount	FY24 Amount	Total Spending
Federal Grant Revenue:					
Student Opportunity Act Bridge Funds	\$0	\$13,157,478	\$13,157,478	\$13,157,478	\$39,472,434
Enrollment Increase Sustainability	\$0	\$5,585,106	\$4,100,000	\$0	\$9,685,106
Summer, Afterschool, and PD Programs	\$0	\$8,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$18,000,000
Technology Spending	\$1,274,947	\$2,250,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,250,000	\$6,274,947
COVID-19 Maintenance Spending	\$345,028	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,595,028
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	\$879,442	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,629,442
Ventilation System & Building Projects	\$0	\$4,063,315	\$8,544,672	\$10,234,856	\$22,842,843
School Bus Purchase	\$0	\$0	\$16,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$18,500,000
City of Worcester Indirect Costs	\$51,009	\$715,427	\$1,016,370	\$666,170	\$2,448,976
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Key Areas of Impact

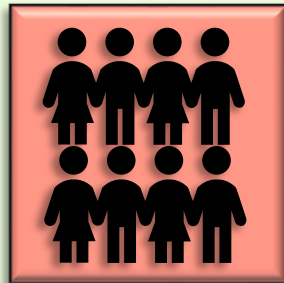
FY23 BUDGET PLANNING



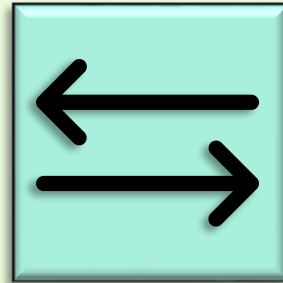
Enrollment
Trends



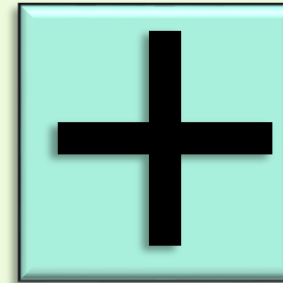
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Head Start
Enrollment



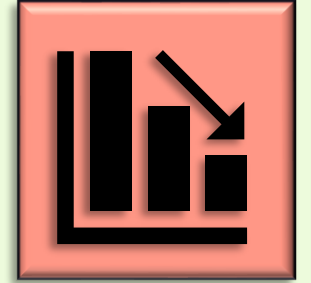
Enrollment
Shift
Adjustments



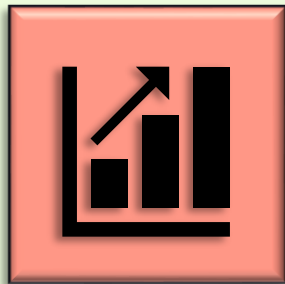
New Positions
and Programs
Needed



COVID related
expenses



Hold Harmless
Created
Budget Gap



Health
Insurance



SOA &
Strategic
Plan



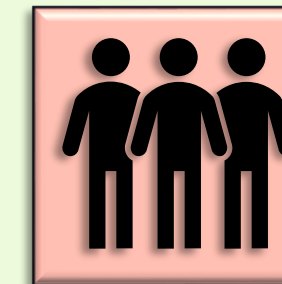
ESSER required
intervention &
acceleration



New SIS &
City Financial
System



District-
Operated
Transportation

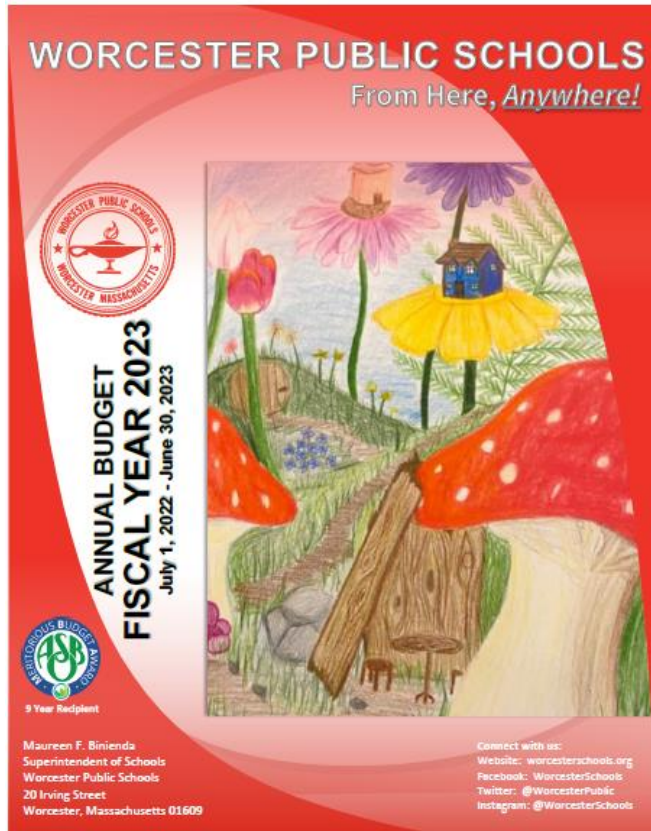


Staffing
Shortages &
Vacancies



FY23 Federal
Grants
Allocations

FY23 Budget Calendar



Remaining Dates:



June 2 & 16

School Committee Deliberates FY23 Budget

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