Auburn Public Schools

Special Fall Town Meeting

October 27, 2020

Reconsideration of

FY '21 School Budget

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What is the Why?

Why reconsideration?

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- FY'21 budget of $27,676,055 passed June 2, 2020.
- July 1, 2020 – New fiscal year begins without certified state and local revenue resulting in a cut of $741,898 (2.75%) or FY '20 appropriation of $26,934,157.
- Once local and state revenue was confirmed for FY '21, $150,000 was added back to operating budget by Town Administration.
- Health Premium Holidays in FY '21 allowed Town Administration to add another $130,000 to operating budget.
- The REVISED FY'21 number is $27, 214,157 for approval.
- This number demonstrates a decrease $461,898 for FY '21.
- The shortfall of $461,898 is partially comprised of the state not funding the Student Opportunities Act this year. That resulted in a $419,096 shortfall.
- The remaining shortfall of $42,802 is a result of lower than anticipated revenue amounts.

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What is the How?

How are the APS handling this cut?

- Federal and state grant monies in FY '21 are offsetting the shortfall and incredible costs associated with operating schools during COVID.
- APS received a $159,000 grant for Personal Protective Equipment and Supplies needed to keep staff and students adequately protected and spaces clean.
- APS also received $225 per child ($562,000) to offset costs of remote instruction (lap top computers, hot spots, cameras, iPads, software, communication platforms, and infrastructure upgrades), teacher professional development, HVAC costs, and bussing needs.
- APS also received $240,000 from the town's municipal cares act money to help with additional HVAC costs, remote instruction costs, and Food Service expenditures.
- It is important to note the above grant monies are specifically targeted for certain areas. This money right now is to be expended by the end of FY '21.
- We sincerely appreciate the support from Town Hall, our elected officials, and the community as we move through this difficult time!

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