



**Whitman-Hanson
Regional School District**

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Mr. John Stanbrook
Town Administrator
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RE: Notification of WHRSD School Committee votes on May 18, 2020 to amend the 1991 Regional Agreement and approve the District Operating Budget

Dear John:

This letter serves as notification that on May 18, 2020, the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee discussed a contingency plan to set the FY2021 Operating Budget. The Committee voted to approve a modification to the 1991 Regional Agreement (attached). Further voted unanimously (10-0) to certify the school district's FY2021 operating budget for the upcoming school year at \$55,320,238. This would be in accordance with M.G.L. c.71, § 16B and contingent upon the approved modification to the 1991 Regional Agreement Section IV, Paragraph E.

The total operating assessment of \$26,581,568.54 to be shared by the town's contingent upon the affirmative vote of both member towns to approve the amendment to the 1991 Regional Agreement and FY2021 Operating Budget. The operating assessment to the Town of Whitman is \$15,367,391.75. The operating assessment to the Town of Hanson is \$11,214,176.79.

The assessments are as follows:

HANSON - ASSESSMENT		WHITMAN - ASSESSMENT	
Operating	\$11,214,176.79	Operating	\$15,367,391.75
Non-Mandated Busing	\$98,322	Non-Mandated Busing	\$401,177
Capital - High School	\$292,251.96	Capital - High School	\$437,648.04
Capital - Technology (not HVAC)	\$117,969.46		0
Capital - HVAC	\$22,300		0

Should you have any questions about this, please contact Jeff Szymaniak, Superintendent of Schools, at 781-618-7411. If I can help in any way, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

David E. Leary,
WHRSD Treasurer

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- WHRSD School Committee
 - Jeffrey Szymaniak, Superintendent of Schools
 - John Tuffy, Interim Business Manager
 - Laura Kemmett, Town of Hanson, Board of Selectmen Chair
 - Kevin Sullivan, Town of Hanson Finance Committee Chair
 - Jeanne Sullivan, Town of Hanson, Treasurer
 - Frank Lynam, Town of Whitman Town Administrator

The Whitman-Hanson Regional School Committee proposes to amend Section 4, E(1) of the 1991 Regional Agreement from the current/existing language to the following new amended language:

Current/existing language

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E. Apportionment of Operating costs

(1) Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Pre-Kindergarten-12

Operating costs for the first fiscal year next following the establishment of the regional school district and for every year thereafter shall be apportioned to the member towns on the basis of their respective pupil enrollments in the regional school district.

Each member town's share for each fiscal year shall be determined by computing the ratio which that town's pupil enrollment in the regional district on October 1 of the year in which the apportionment is determined bears to the total pupil enrollment from all the member towns in the regional district school on the same date. In the event that enrollment in the regional district school has not been accomplished by October 1 of any year, operating costs shall be apportioned on the basis of the number of pupils in grades Pre-kindergarten through twelve residing in each member town on October 1 of that year and receiving education at such town's expense.

Proposed amended language

E. Apportionment of Operating costs for FY 2021

(1) Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Pre-Kindergarten-12

Operating costs for the fiscal year shall be determined by the sum of sections (a) and (b) below:

- (a) The statutory method (MGL c. 70, section 6) shall be used to calculate total assessments for each town. Each member town shall be assessed fifty percent (50%) of its total assessment under the statutory method.

- (b) An amount based upon computing the ratio which each member town's pupil enrollment in the regional district on October 1 of the year in which the apportionment is determined bears to the total pupil enrollment from all the member towns in the regional district school on the same date (agreement method). In the event that enrollment in the regional district school has not been accomplished by October 1 of any year, operating costs shall be apportioned on the basis of the number of pupils in grades Pre-kindergarten through twelve residing in each member town on October 1 of that year and receiving education at such town's expense. Each member town shall be assessed fifty percent (50%) of its total assessment under the agreement method

Apportionment of Operating costs for FY 2022 and thereafter will follow the statutory methodology as defined in 603 CMR 41.00 as follows:

- (1) The operating costs to a member town will equal the Minimum Local Contribution and any other operating costs above the Minimum Local Contributions, referred to in this section as "Above Minimum Contribution."

The aggregate Above Minimum Contribution is arrived at by subtracting from the Operating Budget the following: Chapter 70 aid, the Minimum Required Combined Local Contributions of all member towns, and other general revenue sources to the District.

This formula is illustrated below:

Operating Budget (which excludes capital, debt, and transportation)
 - (minus) Chapter 70 aid (as calculated by DESE)
 - (minus) Minimum Required Combined Local Contributions of all member towns (as calculated by DESE)
 - (minus) Other general revenue sources to the District
 = (equals) Total Above Minimum Contribution for all member towns

To determine each member town's proportionate share of the aggregate Above Minimum Contribution, it shall be determined based on the ratio of pupil enrollment, including out-of-district pupils, in all member towns in the District on October 1 of the preceding fiscal year for which the apportionment will be assessed.

(2) The total operating costs assessed to each member town will consist of the member town's Minimum Local Contribution and the town's share of Above Minimum Local Contribution to be determined based on the ratio of resident pupil enrollment in all member towns in the District, including out-of-district pupils, on October 1 of the preceding fiscal year for which the apportionment will be assessed.