

WAYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Gary Burton

FROM: Marlene Moskowitz Dodyk

DATE: December 9, 2008

SUBJECT: FY'10 Projected Out of District Costs

I wanted to explain to you the reasons for the projected dramatic increase in out of district tuition costs of FY'10. The reasons are as follows:

1. We've already received notification from two private schools that they are anticipating price increases for FY'10 and have applied to the State for Special Circumstances Price Adjustments. One school has an increase of \$14,370 and the other \$4,351. At the latter placement we have three students placed there, thus amounting to \$13,053.
2. There are currently three students receiving services in our Language Alternative Program at Wayland Middle School. Their needs are such that they require a more functional based/life skills/vocational curriculum, thus necessitating out of district placements. The projected cost of such placements and transportation is approximately \$48,831 per student (totaling \$146,493). In the past, we were able to have these students at Wayland High School, with students sharing time in our Learning Resource Center West and receiving some of their services in the TEC Learning and Vocational Center. Unfortunately, this partnership no longer exists (and hasn't for the past few years). Given the premium of space at the high school, the possibility of creating a new program at this point of time does not seem feasible. However, I would strongly encourage the district to consider these needs as we move forward with the high school building program.
3. There are three students diagnosed with autism who require significant support services. Two of these students require a specialized day program (one of whom just moved to our town and the other whose parents rejected an inclusion model). These placement costs are projected to be \$190,793, up from the \$59,186 projected for FY09. The third student requires a residential placement at the projected cost of \$193,432 (we've been providing intensive home programming in addition to an out of district placement in FY08 and FY09 for this student).
4. Finally, as per an advisory sent to Massachusetts Superintendents, I projected tuition costs to increase by 3.37% for FY10. This increase, coupled with the increase in the foundation amount of \$37,328 as opposed to \$35,000 in FY08 (accounting for an increase of \$37,248 projected for FY09 and FY10) and the cutback in Circuit Breaker Reimbursement Rate to 70%), has significantly impacted the projected out of district costs.

I want to assure you that the Special Education Department is doing all that it can to keep students in-district. It is a philosophy Wayland has embraced and funded for almost two decades. Students placed out of district are the most in need of a more restrictive educational setting in order to make effective educational progress.

Cc: Joy Buhler

FY09 Projected Circuit Breaker Reimbursement

Student	Actual Tuition	Foundation amount	Difference	Circuit Breaker Amount	Actual District Cost
Student #1	\$43,735.00	\$37,328.00	\$6,407.00	\$4,484.90	\$39,250.10
Student #2	\$40,332.00	\$37,328.00	\$3,004.00	\$2,102.80	\$38,229.20
Student #3	\$40,927.00	\$37,328.00	\$3,599.00	\$2,519.30	\$38,407.70
Student #4	\$40,332.00	\$37,328.00	\$3,004.00	\$2,102.80	\$38,229.20
Student #5	\$109,542.00	\$37,328.00	\$72,214.00	\$50,549.80	\$58,992.20
Student #6	\$48,651.00	\$37,328.00	\$11,323.00	\$7,926.10	\$40,724.90
Student #7	\$52,331.00	\$37,328.00	\$15,003.00	\$10,502.10	\$41,828.90
Student #8	\$48,651.00	\$37,328.00	\$11,323.00	\$7,926.10	\$40,724.90
Student #9	\$65,907.00	\$37,328.00	\$28,579.00	\$20,005.30	\$45,901.70
Student #10	\$68,563.00	\$37,328.00	\$31,235.00	\$21,864.50	\$46,698.50
Student #11	\$118,079.00	\$37,328.00	\$80,751.00	\$56,525.70	\$61,553.30
Student #12	\$148,131.00	\$37,328.00	\$110,803.00	\$77,562.10	\$70,568.90
Student #13	\$70,928.00	\$37,328.00	\$33,600.00	\$23,520.00	\$47,408.00
Student #14	\$44,629.00	\$37,328.00	\$7,301.00	\$5,110.70	\$39,518.30
Student #15	\$59,186.00	\$37,328.00	\$21,858.00	\$15,300.60	\$43,885.40
Student #16	\$97,586.00	\$37,328.00	\$60,258.00	\$42,180.60	\$55,405.40
	\$1,097,510.00			\$350,183.40	\$747,326.60

****Does not include in-district students: Student #17, Student #18, Student #19, Student #20- may be eligible due to therapies/TA**

Assumptions:

State Foundation Rate will be \$37,328 and Circuit Breaker based on 70% of difference between Actual tuition and Foundation

Student #21- tuition cost includes actual placement tuition and ABA therapies

Student #22- tuition cost include actual placement tuition and nursing

Student #23- tuition cost based on new placement- no settlement reached