



**SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Preliminary Budget Proposal

2019-2020

February 25, 2019



As a vibrant center for the five towns and the greater community we serve, the Southern Berkshire Regional School District envisions a rigorous educational environment that prepares and inspires all students to be resilient, curious, and ethical global citizens who embrace the challenges of an ever-changing world through a commitment to our core values of opportunity, excellence, character, & community.

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Guiding Principles

- Build a budget that is reflective of the District's Vision
- Based on District Improvement Goals
- To sustain the District's commitment to educational excellence
- To develop assessments that are manageable to the member towns
- To provide effective programming and staffing levels that foster continuous improvement in the most cost efficient manner
- To clearly communicate with all stakeholders
- To allocate resources strategically to create an aligned system Pre-K to 12
- To be proactive rather than reactive
- To make decisions and recommendations based on data and what's best for our students

State Budget Process

Governor's Budget	The budget begins as a bill that the Governor submits on the 4th Wednesday in January (or five weeks later if at the start of a new term) to the House of
House Ways & Means Budget	The House Ways and Means Committee reviews the Governor's budget and then develops its own recommendation.
House Budget	Individual representatives submit budget amendments which are then debated on the House floor. Resulting document becomes the final House budget bill and moves to the Senate once it is debated, amended and voted on by the full House.
Senate Ways & Means Budget	The Senate Ways & Means Committee reviews both the Governor's and House budgets and develops its own recommendation.
Senate Budget	Individual senators submit budget amendments which are then debated on the Senate floor. The resulting document becomes the final Senate's budget bill once it is debated, amended and voted on.
House 1 Revised (Governor's Budget)	State finance law requires the Governor to submit budget revisions to his proposed budget if revenue forecasts predict a shortfall after the original submission.
Conference Committee Budget	House and Senate leadership assign members to a "conference committee" to negotiate any differences between the House and Senate bills. The conference committee report can only be approved or rejected - no additional amendments can be made.
Veto	Once approved by both chambers of the Legislature, the Governor has ten days to review the conference committee budget. The Governor may approve or veto the entire budget, or may veto or reduce particular line items or sections, but may not add
Overrides	The House and Senate may vote to override the Governor's vetoes. Overrides require a two-thirds roll-call vote of each chamber.
Final Budget	The final budget is known as the General Appropriations Act (GAA or "Chapter XXX of the Acts of 20xx").

SBRSD FY20 Operating Budget Timeline

October

Superintendent presents and School Committee votes to approve Superintendent's goals (annual action plan).

School Committee accepts October 1st enrollment report.

November

Finance Sub-Committee convenes to discuss general budget plan and direction for the upcoming fiscal year.

December

District Administration meets, along with Buildings, Grounds and Technology sub-committee, and compiles capital project lists.

Budget guidelines and budget request sheets are distributed to principals, directors and curriculum leaders.

Directors, principals and curriculum leaders submit their estimates of

January - February

Review and input initial PreK-12 educational budget plan worksheets

Meet to discuss development of figures, justification of new expenditures, proposed significant increases and long-term goals for buildings/programs

Central Office records estimated non-salary items as well as contracted salaries into the District budget.

Assemble key stakeholders for comprehensive input, analysis and discussion of financial short-term and long-term goals and plans for

Submit preliminary draft budget to Finance Sub-Committee with estimated expenditures and estimated assessments to the towns

Post and hold a capital plan walk-through, with Town officials invited.

SBRSD FY20 Operating Budget Timeline

Present preliminary budget to town Finance Committees.

The District must post a tentative operating budget in the town hall of each member town, publish it in a newspaper in general circulation in the district and provide copies to the chairman of the Board of Selectmen and chairman of the Finance Committee in each member town. Assuming the public hearing date to be March 7, 2019, and allowing for 2 weeks for above notifications (and not scheduling a meeting during February break), **tentative budget** will be voted on **February 25, 2019**. Post notifications as described above.

School Committee must hold a **public hearing** no less than 5 days before the budget adoption. Assuming a budget adoption date of March 14, 2019, the public hearing will be held on **March 7, 2019** (no later than March 16, 2019)

School Committee must **adopt the FY19 budget** at least 45 days prior to the first member town's annual town meeting. Assuming the first annual town meeting is May 4, 2019, budget adoption will be at the **March 14, 2019** School Committee meeting (no later than March 20, 2019).

April

Send **assessment letters** to the towns within 30 days of the budget adoption. Assuming an adoption date of March 14, 2019, assessments would be sent out by **April 12, 2019** (no later than April 13, 2019).

May

Alford, Egremont, Monterey, New Marlborough and Sheffield Town Meetings - public vote on SBRSD budget. Projection is that first town meeting would be held on May 4, Changes made and potential amendments voted until Governor signs final budget

June - July

Governor signs state budget

School Committee votes amended budget if changes have been made. Assessment notifications would follow within 30 days of adoption of amended budget.

FY20 Budget Overview

• FY19 Budget:	\$16,690,011
• FY20 Preliminary Budget:	\$17,321,733
• Dollar Increase:	\$631,722
• Percent increase:	3.8%
• Proposed FY 20 Increase/(Decrease) to Assessments:	
▪ Alford	\$ 45,225
▪ Egremont	\$ 191,890
▪ Monterey	\$ 91,765
▪ New Marlborough	\$ (92,097)
▪ Sheffield	\$ 164,168
Total Net Increase in Assessments	\$ 400,951

FY20 Budget Overview

Enrollment -

	FY19	FY20	Change				FY19 % Share	FY20 % Share	Change in % Share
Alford	25	22	-3				3.88%	3.29%	-.59%
Egremont	76	84	8				11.8%	12.57%	.77%
Monterey	75	79	4				11.65%	11.83%	.18%
New Marlborough	132	130	-2				20.5%	19.46%	-1.04%
Sheffield	<u>336</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>17</u>				<u>52.17%</u>	<u>52.84%</u>	<u>.67%</u>
	644	668	24				100%	100%	

FY20 Budget Overview

Contribution -

	-- FY19 --		-- FY20 --		Change in Contribution %
Alford	435,264	3.2%	480,489	3.44%	.23%
Egremont	1,604,722	11.8%	1,796,612	12.85%	1.03%
Monterey	1,600,394	11.8%	1,692,159	12.11%	.32%
New Marlborough	2,841,455	20.9%	2,749,358	19.67%	-1.26%
Sheffield	7,096,013	52.3%	7,260,181	51.94%	-.32%
	13,577,848	100.0%	13,978,799	100.0%	

FY20 Budget Overview

◦ Revenue ~

- ❖ Chapter 70 ~ 668 students, \$20 per student, \$13.4k
- ❖ Regional Transportation reimbursement rate estimated at \$686,823 of total eligible costs - increase of \$131.5k
- ❖ Special education costs not reimbursable, only regular transportation costs for in-district students who live at least 1.5 miles from the school they attend

FY20 Budget Overview

Revenue

❖ School Choice

- ❖ Application of \$651,506 of expenditures to the School Choice Fund
- ❖ Remaining balance of \$297,707 in School Choice funds

❖ Excess & Deficiency Fund

- ❖ Proposing the use of \$530,000 of E&D funds as a revenue source to help suppress operating assessments to the towns
- ❖ Unencumbered Excess & Deficiency Funds as of 7-1-18 have been certified at \$819,257
- ❖ Remaining certified E&D just over \$289k, could have 5% of operating budget in E&D or approximately \$835k

FY20 Budget Overview

- Expenditures

- ❖ Salaries

- ❖ All bargaining agreements expire on 6/30/21

- ❖ Benefits

- ❖ Health Insurance -rate increase of 0%

- ❖ Instructional supplies, services, materials, and equipment \$69k

- ❖ Includes debt service amounts relating to roof and boiler project

FY20 Budget Overview

Capital Budget ~

- ❖ Buildings, Grounds, & Technology Subcommittee recommended \$458k to be applied to capital improvements
- ❖ Capital Budget includes items costing \$10,000 or more
- ❖ \$385k remains in Capital Budget
- ❖ Additional discussions may result in changes to allocations



**Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to
change the world.**

Nelson Mandela



*SBRSD webpage at
<http://www.sbrsd.org/budget.html>*