

## Hanover Public Schools

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### MEMORANDUM

To: Hanover School Committee  
From: Thomas R. Raab, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance  
Cc: Matthew A. Ferron, Superintendent of Schools  
Date: February 26, 2020  
Re: Budget 3.0 Update

There are no changes to report regarding Budget 3.0. We remain at a proposed FY 2021 budget of \$30,445,776. The School Committee is scheduled to vote on the Proposed FY 21 Budget at their next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. The following week, The School Department and Technology Department are meeting with the Town Advisory Committee on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall to review the budget proposal. All are welcome to attend.

Last week I sent a memo to the Town Finance Director, Lincoln Heineman and asked him to include a placeholder in the May Special Town Meeting warrant for an MOU regarding the transportation of foster children. Here in Hanover, we have very few foster children; however, like homeless children, they have the right to attend school consistently and not be moved from school to school in the event their placements change. The School Department is responsible for transportation costs and the costs are shared between the two districts involved. There is an opportunity to provide some reimbursement to the School Department if an MOU is signed. The reimbursement amount is not guaranteed but I can't even apply for it without this MOU. Below is the text of the proposed article along with a rationale for the warrant. This is a procedural article that allows the School Department to apply for the reimbursement. **No action is needed at this time.** I simply wanted to let the School Committee know about the Article in the event you see a draft of the Special Town Meeting Warrant. I recognize that 4<sup>th</sup> quarter FY 19 reimbursement requests are due by March, 2020. I am setting the procedure up for future reimbursement requests for FY 20 and beyond. Our exposure in fourth quarter of FY 19 was very minimal.

#### ARTICLE

*Will the Town vote to authorize the Superintendent of the Hanover Public Schools, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into Memorandum(s) of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Children and Families, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in order to obtain Federal Title IV-E reimbursement(s) for foster care transportation and to provide that payments for such foster care transportation under such MOU(s) may be made from such reimbursement(s) as a result of the foster care transportation being performed without appropriation of said reimbursement(s), pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 70, or to act on anything relative thereto?*

#### RATIONALE

This Article would allow for the Hanover Public Schools to enter into agreements with the cited agencies in order to seek Federal Reimbursement for costs for transporting children in foster care to their school of origin (which is mandated by Federal Law) and allow for such reimbursement to be applied to the costs of such transportation without further appropriation. It is estimated that LEA's will receive about 20% of reported costs in reimbursement. More information can be found at: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/finance/transportation/reporting-tool-training.pptx>.