

Superintendent's Budget Presentation to Town Council
Lisbon School Department
March 7, 2023

Overview

The proposed 2023-24 school budget figures that I am sharing with you this evening, as in the past, still have a few remaining variables that could impact the budget both positively and negatively. An overview of the financials is summarized by the updated Subsidy Comparison Report dated March 1, 2023, and a list of the remaining variables is provided below as part of my presentation this evening.

Over the last few years the Lisbon School Department has been faced with many challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the negative impact that the pandemic has caused on the social and emotional well-being of our students and staff is still unknown. With that being said, the Lisbon School Committee has been proactive in acknowledging these increased needs by adding additional staff to provide the services required to help identify and support our students and staff. Another direct result of the pandemic involves the fact that since the start of the pandemic the housing market in Lisbon has been one of the most active in the entire state. As a result, our total student enrollment has continued to increase to numbers higher than they were prior to the pandemic. The Lisbon School Committee has also been aware of these increased numbers and again tried to be proactive by adding additional classroom staff to keep the average classroom sizes manageable. Adding all of these additional supports and services have come with a cost that has impacted our proposals the last two years and we would like to thank the Town Council and voters for their continued support. With that being said, the 2023-24 proposed budget has been directly influenced by our current student enrollment numbers which has resulted in the Lisbon School Department receiving an additional \$776,847 in state subsidy. This additional funding has allowed us to present an initial proposal this evening that would result in a decrease to the local taxes of \$32,194. Although this amount is not significant enough to make much of a noticeable difference in your individual tax bills, the current proposed budget focuses on our needs while also addressing the financial challenges that we are all facing in this current economy.

As in the past, any changes to our budget will be included in updated Subsidy Comparison Report's as most people have been generally more interested in knowing what the actual impact will be to their local taxes. As you can see from the Budget Summary Report, the majority of the increases to this budget are the direct result of our increases in salaries and benefits. Currently we have insurance budgeted for 9% and we are also honoring and following the approved process that we agreed to as we continue our negotiations with the LEA.

Budget Goals/Focus

Our primary goal for the 2023-2024 school budget was to maintain the current student programs and services by including the \$164,425 of federal money (ARF Funds) that was used to pay for support services for trauma and guidance related staff in our general budget. Like last year, we are well aware of the current economic situation facing members of our communities and the additional state subsidy has allowed us to prepare a budget that doesn't have any increase to the local taxes. As always, we will continue to look at our current programs and services to make sure that we are operating in the most efficient manner and we will consider additional restructuring through attrition and needs that will be addressed through our professional conversations.

Subsidy Comparison Report (3/1/2023)

As you can see from the updated 3/1/2023 Subsidy Comparison Report, the total operational cost increase for the 2023-24 school year is \$569,154 with a decrease in the local taxes of \$32,194.

Additional Areas of Potential Savings/Costs (Variables)

Anticipated/Actual Resignations (Restructuring)
Anticipated/Actual Retirements (March 1st)
Capital Reserve
Gartley Street School
Health Insurance
LEA Negotiations (On-Going)
Regular Instruction Reserve Account Transfer
Service Center (WMESC)
State Funding (Enrollment)
Special Education (Enrollment)
Unanticipated Revenue
Unassigned Fund Balance

Notable Increases, Decreases and Transfers

Salaries/Benefits
- Salaries (\$554,426)
- Insurance 9% (\$160,358)
Trauma Support Services (50%)
Maintenance Contract
MSMA Insurance
Purchased Services (Accounting Software, JMG)

LISBON BUDGET PRIORITIES 2023-2024

- Improve and/or increase, when possible, all existing programs with a focus on students' academic and social emotional growth.
- Remain focused on our mission and vision.
- Maintain existing 5-year Capital Plan.
- Consider technology improvements.
- Maintain professional development and time for staff.
- Maintain program/facility improvements linked to the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC) recommendations at Lisbon High School and general facility improvements at Lisbon Community School, Philip W. Sugg Middle School and Gartley Street School.

Adopted: January 23, 2023

23-24 Subsidy Comparison Report

Lisbon School Department

(All Subsidy figures for 23/24 are Preliminary!)

	<u>FUNDING 22/23**</u>	<u>FUNDING 23/24</u>	<u>Difference</u>
General Education Budget:			
Budget Expenditures as of 06/30/2022			
Budget Expenditures-Fund 100	\$ 18,990,943	\$ 19,565,062	\$574,119.00
Amount from Unassigned Fund Balance:			
Balance to help defray taxes	\$236,422	\$118,211	(\$118,211)
State Grant/MLTI	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Instruction Reserve Account	\$0	\$93,524	
Anticipated Revenue:			
Capital Reserve Fund-GPC	\$43,209	\$67,896	\$24,687
Interest Credit	\$0	\$0	\$0
ARF Funds	\$164,425	\$0	(\$164,425)
Special Purpose School	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0
Total Revenue	<u>\$744,056</u>	<u>\$579,631</u>	<u>(\$164,425)</u>
Total Budget after Revenue	<u>\$18,246,887</u>	<u>\$ 18,985,431</u>	<u>\$738,544</u>
Local Only Debt Service	\$438,820	\$430,229	(\$8,591)
Total Budget after Revenue and Local Only Debt Service	<u>\$17,808,067</u>	<u>\$ 18,555,202</u>	<u>\$747,135</u>
100% EPS	\$14,953,256	\$16,106,619 *	\$1,153,363
Amount above 100% EPS	<u>\$2,854,811</u>	<u>\$ 2,448,583</u>	<u>\$ (406,228)</u>
Transition Amount	\$0	\$0 *	\$0
Total Additional Local Funds	<u>\$2,854,811</u>	<u>\$ 2,448,583</u>	<u>\$ (406,228)</u>
State Subsidy:			
State Contribution	\$10,617,530	\$11,394,377 *	\$776,847
Required Local Contribution	\$4,417,383	\$4,799,493 *	\$382,110
Local Only Debt Service	\$438,820	\$430,229	(\$8,591)
Local Additional Funds	\$2,854,811	<u>\$ 2,448,583</u>	(\$406,228)
Total Local Funding	<u>\$7,711,014</u>	<u>\$7,678,305</u>	<u>(\$32,709)</u>
	<u>\$18,328,544</u>	<u>\$19,072,682</u>	<u>\$744,138</u>

There is an increase in State Funding from 22/23 to 23/24 of \$776,847
There is a increase in Local Funding from 22/23 to 23/24 of (\$32,709)

* Amounts based on Legislative Budget Approval FY 23/24 ED279 as of January 31, 2023

** Amounts from Town Council Meeting dated _____

Adult Education:

Anticipated Revenue	\$3,500	\$3,500	#	\$0
State Contribution	\$8,250 **	\$7,735 ***		(\$515)
Total Local Funding	\$16,903 **	\$17,418		\$515
Total Expenditures	<u>\$28,653</u>	<u>\$28,653</u>		<u>\$0</u>

There is an increase in State Funding from 21/22 to 22/23 of (\$515)
 There is a decrease in Local Funding from 21/22 to 22/23 of \$515

Amount based on actual revenue received in 22-23

*** Amount based on actual subsidy received in 22-23

Total Increase to Taxes:	\$7,727,917	\$7,695,723	#	(\$32,194)
Total increase in Budget Including Adult Education:	\$19,019,596	\$19,593,715		\$574,119

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Serving the communities of Lisbon and Lisbon Falls




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Lisbon School Department's
Strategic Educational Plan


Mission
The Lisbon School Department is united with our community to provide a personalized, innovative education for all learners in an ever-changing world.

Vision
All students learn in different ways and in different timeframes.



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- Maintain existing 5 year Capital Plan,
- Consider technology improvements,
- Maintain professional development and time for staff; and,
- Maintain program/facility improvements linked to NEASC and general facility improvements at L.C.S., P.W.S and G.S.S.




**Lisbon School Department's
Budget Overview**

The proposed budget is based on our preliminary ED-279 Figures that we received on January 25, 2023.

This preliminary budget maintains all existing programs and services. The anticipated increase, as a result of just salaries/benefits alone, equals \$554,426.

As a result, the overall budget has an increase of 3% or \$574,199. As of today, this proposed budget would result in a .004% or \$32,194 decrease in the local contribution.



**Lisbon School Department's
Budget Components**

- **Total Budget**
- **Unassigned Fund Balance**
- **Anticipated Revenue**
- **Local Only Debt Service**
- **Essential Programs & Services**
- **Total Additional Local Funds**
- **State Subsidy**
- **Required Local Contribution**
- **Total Local Funding**



**Lisbon School Department's
Variables**

- Anticipated/Actual Resignations/~~Retirements~~ (Restructuring)
- Capital Reserve
- Gartley Street School
- Health Insurance (9%)
- Negotiations (LEA)
- Regular Instruction Reserve
- Service Center (WMESC)
- Special Education (Enrollment)
- ~~State Funding~~
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Lisbon School Department's
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