

BUDGET - APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSES

The Regional School Committee shall annually determine the amounts necessary to be raised, after deducting the amount of aid such district is to receive pursuant to M.G.L. c 71 s 16B, to maintain and operate the District schools during the next fiscal year. This includes amounts required for payment of debt and interest incurred by the District which will be due in the said year, and shall apportion the amount so determined among the several municipalities in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The amounts apportioned for each municipality shall be certified by the Regional School District treasurer to the treasurers of the member towns within ten days from the date on which the final annual budget is adopted by a majority vote of the School Committee, but no later than March thirty-first.

The Regional School District treasurer shall include in the certification to each municipality a statement setting forth the amount which the District is to receive under said section sixteen D for the ensuing fiscal year and the proportionate share of such aid for such municipality.

In addition to amounts appropriated for debt service, student transportation, construction costs, capital costs and operating costs, each municipality that belongs in the Regional School District shall annually appropriate for the support of the Regional School District an amount equal to, but not less than, the sum of the minimum required local contribution.

Per Section 5.E. of the Regional Agreement, in the event that some provision of applicable law requires some different apportionment of the costs of construction or capital or operating the District than is provided in this section of the Agreement, then insofar as is practical and allowed by the applicable law, in good faith the member towns shall apportion those costs, the division of which is not otherwise controlled by the applicable law, so as to exactly or as nearly as practical achieve the same overall apportionment of total costs in each fiscal year as would otherwise have been achieved by the formulas specified in Section 5, subsections B and C of the Regional Agreement.

The District shall appropriate the sum of the minimum regional contributions of its member districts as well as all state school aid received on behalf of member municipalities. The District may choose to spend additional amounts; such decision shall be made and such amounts charged to members according to the District's required agreement.

Except as required by General Law, the school district may determine how to allocate funds appropriated for the support of public schools without regard to the categories employed in calculating the foundation budget.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 71:16B

REF: Agreement for a Regional School District for the Towns of Acton and Boxborough

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