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Memorandum

To: School Committee and Central Staff

From: Kathleen A. Smith, J.D.

Date: April 21, 2023

RE: Friday Packet - information for the week of April 17

1. Superintendent Snapshot
2. School Committee Agenda Items
3. Memo: Budget Restoration List

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To: School Committee and Central Staff

From: Kathleen A. Smith, JD

Date: April 21, 2023

RE: Superintendent Snapshot for the week of April 17

Monday, April 17

- Patriots Day

Tuesday, April 18

- Hotel Indigo Discussion
- Meeting: Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Ed.
- Emails, budget, and superintendent priorities catch up

Wednesday, April 19

- Emails, budget, and superintendent priorities catch up

Thursday, April 20

- Meeting: Legal Council
- Meeting: Bigelow Principal
- Discussion with Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Ed.
- Discussion with Assistant Superintendent for Business/CFAO
- Emails, budget, and superintendent priorities catch up

Friday, April 21

- Call with Mayor Fuller
- Emails, budget, and superintendent priorities catch up

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

APRIL 24, 2023 (6:30)

BUDGET REVIEW

STRAW VOTE FY24 BUDGET (**POSSIBLE FINAL VOTE**)

CALENDAR WORKING GROUP UPDATE

PRIVATE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UPDATE

VACCINATION POLICY REVIEW

CONSENT AGENDA: COUNTRYSIDE DESIGN ENROLLMENT VOTE, SCOVELL FUND TRANSFER,
UNDERWOOD LIQUOR LICENSE, MINUTES 10/21/22, 10/27/22, and 11/7/22

APRIL 25, 2023 (10:00)

BUDGET REVIEW

APRIL 27, 2023 (6:30)

FY24 BUDGET DISCUSSION – **FINAL VOTE**

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) UPDATE

FY23 FISCAL & Ops UPDATE #5

CONSENT AGENDA: GRANTS, LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

MAY 8, 2023 (6:30)

AP ANALYSIS

GOALS UPDATE: TEACHING & LEARNING - SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

GOALS UPDATE: SCHOOL COUNCILS/SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

MAY 22, 2023 (6:30)

PUBLIC HEARING – **SCHOOL CHOICE**

STUDENT REP RECOGNITION

GOALS UPDATE: DEI

GOALS UPDATE: YRBS

VOTE: SCHOOL CHOICE

JUNE 12, 2023 (6:30)

SEPAC UPDATE

FRANKLIN SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL AND ENROLLMENT PLAN

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT GOALS UPDATE (LITERACY UPDATE INCLUDES LITERACY PILOT)

JUNE 20, 2023 (6:30)

FISCAL & Ops/FACILITIES

DRAFT SC FY24 CALENDAR DATES

VOTE: FRANKLIN SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL AND ENROLLMENT PLAN

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

NEGOTIATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

April 24, 2023 @4:00 (NTA Strategy)

April 26, 2023 @3:15 NTA)

May 4, 2023 (NESA)

May 18, 2023 (NTA)

GRADUATIONS:

NNHS – Monday, June 5, 2023 @5:00

NSHS – Thursday, June 8, 2023 @5:00

Central HS – TBD





TO: School Committee
Kathleen Smith, Interim Superintendent

FROM: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

DATE: April 21, 2023

RE: FY24 Restoration List

Central Staff has been asked to prioritize a restoration list should additional funding be made available for the FY24 budget. The superintendent’s proposed budget currently has a net reduction of 56.4 FTE.

The tables below show a list of restorations created by the NPS central staff team broken out into our “first million” and “second million” dollar add-back categories. Our goal is to prioritize class size at the elementary level, and then class size at the secondary level and restore some programs. The total restorations listed below would restore approximately 20 FTE. This list would likely change if we had less funding available, and is subject to change based on new information and additional input from our school and district program leaders.

First Priority Restoration List:

ONE MILLION: CLASS SIZE ONLY			
Department	Initial Restorations	FTE	Amount
Elementary	Teachers/Class Size (no classes in 26-28 range)	5.0	\$460,000.00
Elementary	Specialists/Class Size (no classes in 26-28 range)	0.8	\$73,600.00
Middle	5.0 MS Classsize Teachers (Oak Hill, Day, Brown)	5.0	\$460,000.00
Middle	Multiteam Increase	0.3	\$27,600.00
Total First Million Restoration		11.1	\$1,021,200.00
Proposed Initial FTE Reduction		56.4	
Remaining FTE Reductions		45.3	

Second Priority Restoration List:

TWO MILLION: ADDITIONAL CLASS SIZE & PROGRAMS			
Department	Initial Restorations	FTE	Amount
Elementary	Strings Program	1.5	\$97,100.00
Secondary	HS Athletics 5% Restoration		\$100,000.00
Secondary	MS Athletics 5% Restoration		\$13,500.00
Secondary	HS Music and Drama Stipends 5% Restoration		\$5,000.00
Secondary	MS Music and Drama Stipends 5% Restoration		\$3,500.00
Secondary	MS & HS Enrichment 5% Restoration		\$19,250.00
Teaching and Learning	NewsELA Software		\$60,000.00
Middle	4.0 MS Classsize Teachers (Oak Hill, Day, Brown)	4.0	\$368,000.00
Middle	Multiteam Increase	2.5	\$230,000.00
Secondary	MS Literacy Specialist	1.0	\$99,000.00
Total Second Million Restoration		9.0	\$995,350.00
Grant Total FTE Restoration (First and Second Million)		20.1	\$2,016,550.00
Remaining FTE Reductions		36.3	