

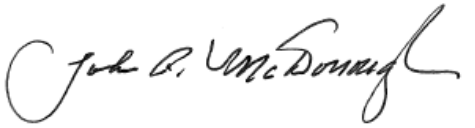
BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson and Members
Boston School Committee

FROM: John P. McDonough
Interim Superintendent 

DATE: February 4, 2015

SUBJECT: FY16 Preliminary Budget Recommendation Document Overview

Below outlines the materials for tonight's School Committee meeting on the FY16 Preliminary Budget Recommendation. The materials are:

1. **Superintendent's Cover Memo on the FY16 Preliminary Budget Proposal**
2. **FY16 Preliminary Budget Recommendation Presentation**
 - Contains the preliminary budget proposal for FY16
3. **FY16 Account Code Budget Analysis**
 - A high-level explanation is on the next page
4. **FY16 WSF School-Level Packet**
 - Contains detailed projections for each school in BPS
5. **FY16 WSF All School Aggregation**
 - Contains the aggregation of all school-level projections
6. **FY16 School-by-School WSF Comparison Table**
 - Contains the FY15-FY16 allocation variance for each school in BPS

Explanation of the FY16 Account Code Budget Analysis

- The Account Code Budget is a traditional "line item" expense budget
- This budget is based on where we are now, which we acknowledge is not complete. For this reason, the total budget represented here is greater than the revenue we expect to receive.
- Once we have completed the recommendations for balancing the budget, those recommendations will be translated into budget line items, and this report will be updated. We hope to provide this to you in time for the first budget hearing on Feb. 26.
- On Feb. 26, you will not only receive the updated General Fund Account Code budget, but also the Grants and All Funds account code budgets, consistent with our practice.
- Lastly, there are two line items that require an explanation of their purposes
 - o Reserve accounts: The reserve account is a holding place for strategies that haven't yet been converted to line item budgets (for instance, there is a \$5M placeholder here for the new ELT plan, and a \$2.8M placeholder for projected students not yet projected to a specific school). At this point in the budget cycle, a number this large is to be expected (~\$19M). The funding in this line will decrease and be shifted to other lines as we continue to refine the budget.
 - o Schools remaining out of balance: There is a \$2.6M line item below the table for "schools remaining to balance." We are continuing to work with a small set of schools (four schools account for >95% of this amount) as they resolve remaining issues with their submitted budgets, and these changes will be incorporated in the next Account Code update.