

## Woodbridge Public School's 2022-2023 Budget Narrative

March 3, 2023

The attached financial reports represent six months (67%) of the fiscal year.

**100 Series Salaries** - Salaries represent 62% of the budget. A combination of vacancies and turn over where new staff are paid at a lower rate than their predecessors has us currently showing \$303,000 of salary savings.

**200 Series Benefits** – Benefits are 20% of our budget and are based on the elections of last year's staff. Payroll taxes and benefits are very close to budget, currently running \$1,000 over budget.

**300 Series Purchased Professional Services**- This category represents 3% of our budget and includes legal, audit and other expenses that are generated on a month-by-month basis. We are currently forecasting an \$90,000 overage in this category due to the Substitutes, an unbudgeted Superintendent search, the need for a Single Audit for the prior fiscal year and unanticipated temporary staffing due to a medical leave and the unbudgeted purchase of two additional software modules for our Munis ERP. However, there is savings in the Interns line (in the Other Purchased Services category) that will offset the most of the extra Substitute costs.

**400 Series Purchased Property Services** - Utility budgets are 4% of the total budget and have been increased over the previous year to keep up with higher natural gas and heating costs. The winter continues to be on the warm side and can slightly soften our previous month's estimates for natural gas. Overall this category is running \$17,000 over budget due to the unbudgeted Air Quality audit bill passed by the Connecticut General Assembly.

**500 Series Other Purchased Services** - This category is 8.2% of our budget and includes student transportation, tuition, interns, liability insurance and items that do not fall within the professional services/property services categories. After last month's \$131,000 budget transfer from the town, our budget deficit in this category stands at \$124,000. This is due to needing one additional special education bus, and additional outplaced tuition, the need to contract out numerous student evaluations due to staffing levels in the department and the contracting for behavioral technicians to assist with the paraeducator vacancies.

**600 Series Materials and Supplies** – These supplies account for 1.7% of our budget. With the exception of custodial/maintenance supplies, this category directly supports classroom instruction. As supplies accounts were frozen last year, we anticipate needing to use all of the available balances this fiscal year. This category is currently \$5000 over budget due to the unbudgeted purchase of various security related supplies.

**700 Series Furniture and Equipment** - This category represents 3/10 of one percent of the budget and should not exceed its allocation. If the budget transfer requested is approved, this category will be on track.

**800 Series Dues and Fees** – This budget category is small but important as it links staff to professional organizations that help keep them up-to-date in their respective academic fields.

**900 Series Misc. Expenses** - The primary expense in this category is the Ezra Nurse, a non-public health expense we are required by law to maintain. We are projecting a \$14,000 surplus in this category.