



NEW FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Wes Marsh, Chair, Board of Finance

From: Kenneth G. Craw, Ed. D, Superintendent

Cc: New Fairfield Board of Education

Re: Surplus Funds

At its December 15 regular meeting, the BOE approved a request to the BOF to transfer surplus monies into a BOE non-lapsing account for educational and capital purposes, as allowed by CT Statute Section 10-248a.¹ More specifically, the BOE is seeking \$358,663 from the expenditure surplus and \$172,592 from the revenue surplus for a total request of \$531,255.

We respectfully ask that the BOF consider the BOE's request at your next meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. The funds will be applied toward the items listed on the following page and will not only address critical needs for the district, but will also reduce the FY 24 BOE capital and operating budget requests.

Carrie DePuy, Business Manager, and I will be available for the December 21 meeting to answer questions the BOF may have regarding this request.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

¹ Sec. 10-248a. Unexpended education funds account. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter, notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any special act, municipal charter, home rule ordinance or other ordinance, the board of finance in each town having a board of finance, the board of selectman in each town having no board of finance or the authority making appropriations for the school district for each town may deposit into a nonlapsing account any unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year from the budgeted appropriation for education for the town, provided (1) such deposited amount does not exceed two per cent of the total budgeted appropriation for education for such prior fiscal year, (2) each expenditure from such account shall be made only for educational purposes, and (3) each such expenditure shall be authorized by the local board of education for such town.

List of BOE Items For Surplus Funds

Item	Expense	Rationale	Cost	
1.	NFMS oil tank	MS oil tank has reached life expectancy and needs to be replaced.	\$320,000	FY 24 Capital
2.	NFMS flooring	MS cafeteria flooring and G lobby flooring are at the end of life expectancy and failing.	\$62,000	FY 24 Capital
3.	Dump truck	Age of truck and increase in repair costs; Primary vehicle for facilities/grounds operations.	\$60,255	FY 24 Capital
4.	Replacement van for students	Age of van, increasing risk of repair costs and declining trade-in value necessitates replacement.	\$46,000	FY 24 Capital
5.	Three A/C units for MHHS	Install A/C units in three MHHS classrooms for medically-fragile students as a result of the PPT process. This requirement must be satisfied in accordance with student IEPs.	\$33,000	FY 24 Operating
6.	NFMS HVAC	New state mandate requires HVAC commissioning prior to January 1, 2024.	\$10,000	FY 24 Operating
Total			\$531,255	