

UPS FY18 Budget Needs and 5 – Year Forecast

FY2018 – FY2022

*with a proposition 2 and ½ tax override outlook
included*

Our Mission and Vision

Our collective effort is anchored in providing your children with a diverse set of skills and learning experiences that prepare them for the challenges of their adult lives.

To accomplish this, we must provide an array of opportunities that increase their marketability for the competitive world of higher education and the workforce.

Ultimately, we hope that your children return to Uxbridge one day to raise their own families here because of the quality education they received.

Our vision must *drive* our budget development.

How Did We Get Here?

- Between FY09 – FY11, the UPS Budget dropped by \$1,015,899.
- The American Recovery Act (Stimulus Grant of 2009) provided UPS with \$400,000 to save and create jobs. This grant to UPS expired in FY13.

How Did We Get Here?

- The opening of a 4th school (UHS) brought \$315,000 in new expenses.
- Several years of 50/50 revenue sharing with the Town was also a contributor to annual budget shortfalls (the standard revenue split is between 60/40 and 70/30 across the state).
- The Town is only bringing in \$800,000 annually in new revenue for all Town services...the revenue split is not a major impact.

Causes for \$1.6 Million Increase Need

- 57% (\$919,215) of the total increase is due to the transfer of expenses that have been paid through the School Choice Account.

- \$476,000 – Contract Cleaning Services

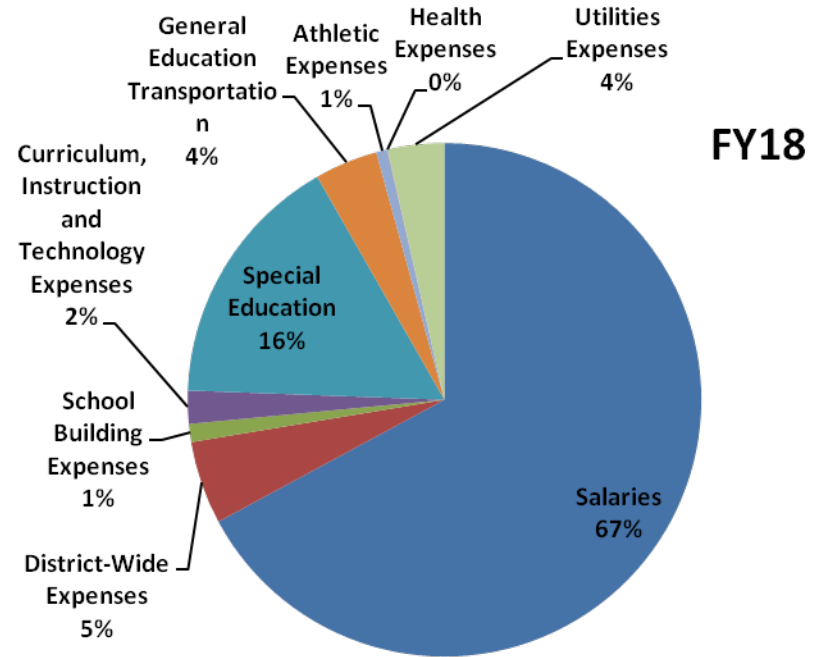
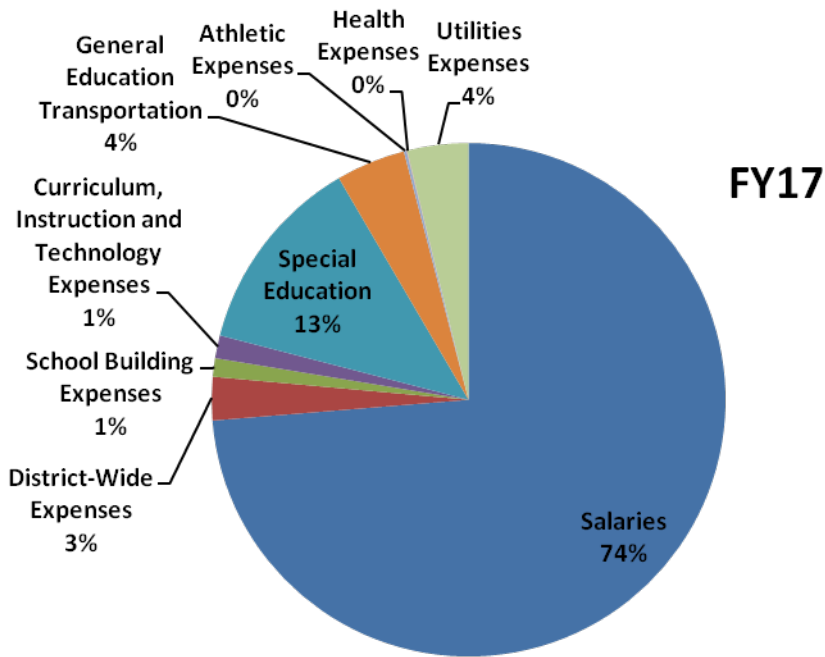
- \$157,365 – Copiers and Postage

- \$25,850 – Grounds Maintenance & Repairs

- \$260,000 – Special Education OOD Shortfall

The School Choice Account has been used to reduce cuts in programs and staff.

FY17 and FY18 Budget Distribution



Notable FY18 Budget Increases

- Overall Expenses – **\$1,116,149**
 - Technology – **\$116,000**
 - Out-of-District Tuition & Related Cost – **\$499,052**
 - Curriculum - **\$73,030**
 - Maintenance – **\$29,000**
- Salaries – **\$497,612** (based on trend data; UPS contracts still pending)
- *Health Insurance – **11%** (indirect)

*Currently out-to-bid

“New” Staff Requests for 2017-2018

- In an effort to strengthen our Special Education programs and services and to keep more of our students attending school in district – restructuring is necessary.
- The plan calls for the addition of 8 new positions and the decrease of 9.7 positions (separate from budget reduction options).
- **Total net increase = \$98,000**

“New” Staff Requests for 2017-2018

- 1.0 Taft Asst. Principal/PreK Director
- 1.0 Whittin Asst. Principal/OOD Coordinator
- 1.0 Taft Special Education Teacher
- 2.0 Whittin Special Education Teachers
- 1.0 UHS Special Education Teacher
- 1.0 Occupational Therapist
- 1.0 Speech Pathologist Assistant

UPS 5-Year Budget Projection (with no override projection)

	FY17 actual	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Base Budget	\$20,637,773	\$22,251,534	\$23,031,867	\$23,840,554	\$24,678,664	\$25,547,308
Increase	-	\$1,613,761	\$780,333	\$808,687	\$838,110	\$868,643
Annual Budget Percent Change	-	7.82%	3.51%	3.51%	3.52%	3.52%

Notes:

* Based on Projected Annual Increases of Salaries (3.5%), Expenses (2.5%), and SPED OOD (5%).

* Budget Forecast listed above include General Fund Operating Budget and Transportation Budget Totals.

What new programs/services would be included if a tax override passed?

- Foreign Language (Spanish) would start by Grade 7 as a full year course. Students would have two full years of Spanish before entering high school.
- All classrooms throughout the district would have access to technology (student laptop carts, expanded bandwidth).

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OV Addition	-	\$42,206	\$316,564	\$278,130	\$240,915	\$182,357
OV Budget	-	\$22,293,740	\$23,348,431	\$24,118,684	\$24,919,579	\$25,729,665
Annual Budget Percent Change		8.02%	4.73%	3.29%	3.32%	3.25%
Total Increase (Base + OV)		\$1,655,967	\$1,096,897	\$1,086,817	\$1,079,025	\$1,051,000

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Tax Increase Per Month/Year (Average Household)

- 2018 - \$18.42 per month/\$221.08 per year
- 2019 - \$12.12 per month/\$145.45 per year
- 2020 - \$8.24 per month/\$98.91 per year
- 2021 - \$8.48 per month/101.82 per year
- 2022 – \$9.45 per month/\$113.45 per year

The McCloskey Middle School Factor

- 80 years old (1937)
 - The Massachusetts School Building Authority estimates the lifespan of a school building at 50 years.
- A renovation or replacement of the building is inevitable if the SC continues with four schools.

The McCloskey Middle School Factor

- Students will need to merge into 3 schools temporarily if renovations or a replacement is eventually decided.
- Resources needed for facilities can complicate Proposition 2 and $\frac{1}{2}$ overrides for operations.

The Operational Override Challenge

- A successful tax override is more likely to be achieved with 1+ years of organization.
- The School Committee would need to gain support of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to include a Town Meeting Warrant Article for a tax override.
- Citizens can also ask the BOS to support an override.

The Operational Override Challenge

- Operational overrides are more successful with increasing student enrollments – not declining enrollments.
- An override campaign must be led by citizens. It cannot be led by the School Committee or Superintendent.

The Operational Override Challenge

- The town is faced with a financial burden of a school building in desperate need of renovation, replacement, or closure.
- Even if potential position cuts are preserved this year if an override passes, a number of those cuts may be necessary to fit our student population into three buildings once a decision is made.

What A Proposition 2 and ½ Override Can Provide

- All schools will be outfitted with technology for each classroom and students will be provided with learning opportunities comparable to other school districts.
- 2 Full Year Spanish courses will begin at the middle school level.
- Class sizes and support services will be sustained for the near future.

Comments & Questions