# FY 20 SCHOOL BUDGET

**Priority Initiatives for Possible Inclusion** 

### POTENTIAL ADDITIONS

- Elementary Classroom Teacher
- Assistant Director of Special Education
- Language-Based Special Education Program
- High School Transitions Program (BRYT)
- Preschool Coordinator
- High School English Teacher
- High School Math/Science Teacher
- Additional Elementary Recess Aides
- Additional School Bus

### ELEMENTARY TEACHER

- Needed for Enrollment
- 16 Kindergarten classes expected to enter
- Only 15 Grade 5 classes moving on to Middle School
- One additional elementary teacher needed for FY
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Unit A position. Approximate cost: \$65,000

# ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

#### Current Director oversees:

- 52 Special Education teachers, 20 Service Providers (Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Psychologists), 7 Team Chairs, and 85 Special Education Instructional Aides.
- Responsible for 27% of entire School Department budget.
- Responsible for evaluating 31 faculty members.

# ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

#### Assistant Director would:

- Oversee/evaluate service providers
- Assist with program development
- Supervise Student Support Teams K-12
- Coordinate Response to Intervention (RTI) program system-wide

Restoration of previously eliminated position.

Recommended by outside SPED program review.

Unit B position: approximate cost \$95,000

# LANGUAGE-BASED SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Develop program for students with language-based disabilities for whom co-taught classes are not appropriate.
- Can be achieved at the elementary school level by reconfiguring existing staff.
- Requires one additional teacher at the Middle School level.
- Will avoid needing to send several students to out-of-district placements.
- Unit A position: Approximate cost \$65,000 plus \$10,000 for additional professional development and \$10,000 for curricular materials.
- Potential cost avoidance: 3-4 outplaced students at \$50,000+ each.

# HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITIONS PROGRAM (BRYT PROGRAM)

- For students returning from extended absences (medical or otherwise) who need accommodations in transitioning back to school.
- These students would otherwise remain out of school longer and require out of school tutoring.

Unit A position: Approximate cost \$65,000

### Preschool Coordinator

- Oversee current preschool programs:
  - Integrated Preschool for children with Special Needs (Cunningham School)
  - Full day and half day programs (Tucker School)
  - Child Study preschool program (Milton High School)
- Align Curriculum
- Evaluate staff
- Liaison with Early Intervention program

0.5 fte Unit B position: Approximate cost \$47,000

## HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING POSITIONS

- English Teacher
- Math/Science Teacher

Due to enrollment, these positions are needed to reduce class size.

Two Unit A positions: Approximate cost \$65,000 each.

### OTHER NEEDS

- Additional Elementary Recess Aides
  - One per elementary school
  - Needed due to increased enrollment

Four Unit C positions. 15 hours per week. Approximate cost \$9,000 each.

- One Additional School Bus
  - To accommodate more Middle and High School students who wish to pay to ride.
  - Would allow reorganization of Elementary routes to potentially reduce travel time.

Cost: \$71,000 per existing contract. Partially offset by approximately \$10,000 of newly collected bus fees.