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Northborough K-8 Public Schools

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In FY2023, the proposed K-8 School budget is an increase of \$893,275 or 3.46%.

	FY2019 ACTUAL	FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 BUDGETED	FY2022 SIX MONTHS	FY2023 PROPOSED
NORTHBOROUGH K-8 SCHOOLS						
K-8 School Department	24,263,961	24,492,750	24,729,524	25,799,678	9,536,535	26,692,953
TOTAL	24,263,961	24,492,750	24,729,524	25,799,678	9,536,535	26,692,953

Northborough K-8 Public School											
Enrollment as of October 1, 2021											
School	Grade										
	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Lincoln		39	46	40	42	55	45				267
Peaslee		35	48	44	40	33	54				254
Proctor		39	40	52	41	42	42				256
Zeh		43	41	42	43	36	42				247
Melican								192	175	162	529
		156	175	178	166	166	183	192	175	162	1553

*Approximately 43 Northborough Pre-K students attend school in Southborough

****For detailed information regarding the Northborough K-8 Public School budget, initiatives and goals, please see the School Superintendent's FY2023 budget.****



Northborough-Southborough Regional High School

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The Northborough-Southborough Regional High School budget is composed of an operating assessment and a debt assessment related to the completed renovation/addition project. The FY2023 operating assessment is \$12,893,497 which is a \$21,469 increase, or 0.17%. The debt for ARHS increases by \$16,804, or 2.64%, to \$653,069. Additionally, the debt exclusion will be reduced by approximately \$230,000 which is the amount of the estimated FY2023 settlement payment from the Town of Southborough as a result of the declaratory judgement for the renovation/addition project. The net effect of the combined operating and debt assessment is an overall budget increase of \$38,273, or 0.28%, to \$13,568,035.

	FY2019 ACTUAL	FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022* BUDGETED	FY2022 SIX MONTHS	FY2023 PROPOSED
ALGONQUIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL						
19981 Algonquin Regional Assessment	11,304,714	12,252,514	12,587,175	12,893,497	6,461,451	12,914,966
19981 Debt- Exclusion – Prop 2 1/2	610,774	621,442	632,229	636,265	323,923	653,069
19981 Debt – Not Excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	11,915,488	12,873,955	13,219,404	13,529,762	6,785,374	13,568,035

*FY2022 figures above reflects assessment reduction by School Committee of \$122,952 after budget voted by Town Meeting

Algonquin Regional High School Enrollment as of October 1, 2021					
	Grade				
Town	9	10	11	12	Totals
Northborough	174	197	200	201	772
Southborough	122	118	116	136	492
Other	2	1	1	2	6
	298	316	317	339	1270

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Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School

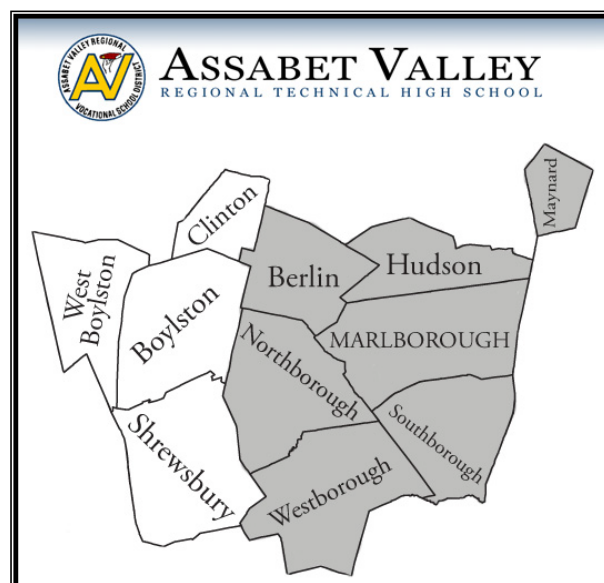
Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School is a vocational school composed of the member communities of Berlin, Hudson, Marlborough, Maynard, Northborough, Southborough and Westborough. Northborough's assessment is based upon the number of students from Town attending the school. The total FY2023 budget is \$24,108,684 which is an increase of \$1,004,684, or 4.3%.

As of October 1, 2021, 68 Northborough students attend Assabet Valley, which results in an operating assessment of \$1,123,936. This is an enrollment increase of 9 students from the 59 Northborough students that attended Assabet Valley in the prior year. Northborough's FY2023 share of the debt assessment from the completed building renovation project is \$130,004, which will continue to decline in subsequent years. The net effect of the combined operating assessment and new debt service is \$1,253,940 which is an increase of \$185,450, or 17.36%.

	FY2019 ACTUAL	FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 BUDGETED	FY2022 SIX MONTHS	FY2023* PROPOSED
ASSABET VALLEY REG TECH HIGH SCH						
53260 Assabet Regional Assessment	612,406	694,822	865,186	934,658	467,329	1,123,936
53265 Assabet Non-Excluded Debt	145,316	141,488	137,660	133,832	133,832	130,004
TOTAL	757,722	836,310	1,002,846	1,068,490	601,161	1,253,940

*FY2023 budget includes a mandatory reduction of \$64,620 due to excess FY2021 certified "Excess & Deficiency" (E&D) per state rules.

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Norfolk County Agricultural High School

Norfolk County Agricultural High School (NCAHS) is a public high school located in Walpole that currently enrolls over 500 students from the 28 towns of Norfolk County as well as more than 40 out-of-county (tuition) towns.

In prior years Northborough has borne the expense of tuition and transportation to the NCAHS in the Town's portion of the budget. This expense is borne by the Town because students have the freedom to seek admission to schools with state-approved vocational technical education programs pursuant to M.G.L. c. 74 603 CMR 4.00 and are known as Chapter 74 approved programs. Since the Town of Northborough did not offer the particular vocational technical education program in which the student was interested, either at the high school or the regional vocational technical high school to which the town belongs, the student then had the option to apply to any school which offered such a program.

Following several years of no NCAHS expenses, the Town was notified prior to FY2022 that a student applied for admission and was accepted, under the Chapter 74 non-resident option, to the NCAHS program. Once accepted the Town is required to bear the full cost of both tuition and transportation. The Town was notified that a second student was accepted for FY2023, so while the FY2022 cost for one student's tuition and transportation was \$38,500, the cost for two students is budgeted to be \$69,934 for FY2023.

	FY2019 ACTUAL	FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 BUDGETED	FY2022 SIX MONTHS	FY2023 PROPOSED
NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL						
56470 Norfolk Agricultural Assessment	0	0	0	38,500	16,516	69,934
TOTAL	0	0	0	38,500	16,516	69,934



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In FY2024, the proposed K-8 School budget is an increase of \$1,308,274 or 4.9%.

	FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 ACTUAL	FY2023 BUDGETED	FY2023 SIX MONTHS	FY2024 PROPOSED
NORTHBOROUGH K-8 SCHOOLS						
K-8 School Department	24,492,750	24,729,524	25,640,780	26,692,953	9,551,893	28,001,227
TOTAL	24,492,750	24,729,524	25,640,780	26,692,953	9,551,893	28,001,227

Northborough K-8 Public School Enrollment as of October 1, 2022											
School	Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Lincoln		41	41	51	45	50	59				287
Peaslee		36	51	48	44	43	33				255
Proctor		39	41	39	48	43	42				252
Zeh		41	42	41	45	43	41				253
Melican								183	193	172	548
		157	175	179	182	179	175	183	193	172	1595

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ALGONQUIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL						
19981 Algonquin Regional Assessment	12,252,514	12,587,175	12,893,497	12,833,497	6,430,326	13,421,085
19981 Debt- Exclusion – Prop 2 1/2	621,442	632,229	636,265	653,069	326,535	651,454
19981 Debt – Not Excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	12,873,955	13,219,404	13,529,762	13,486,566	6,756,861	14,072,539

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Algonquin Regional High School Enrollment as of October 1, 2022					
	Grade				
Town	9	10	11	12	Totals
Northborough	160	180	194	208	742
Southborough	113	119	115	123	470
Other	0	2	1	1	4
	273	301	310	332	1216

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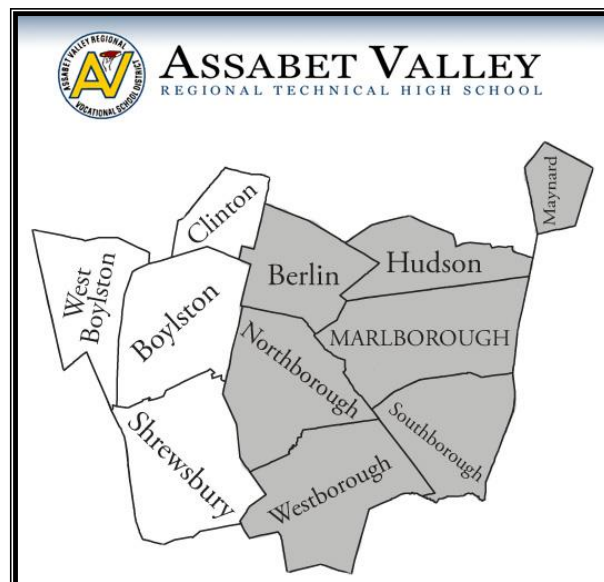
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As of October 1, 2022, 64 Northborough students attend Assabet Valley, which results in an operating assessment of \$1,175,405. This is an enrollment decrease of 4 students from the 68 Northborough students that attended Assabet Valley in the prior year. Northborough's FY2024 share of the debt assessment from the completed building renovation project is \$126,176, which will continue to decline in subsequent years. The net effect of the combined operating assessment and new debt service is \$1,301,581 which is an increase of \$16,276, or 1.27%.

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ASSABET VALLEY REG TECH HIGH SCH						
53260 Assabet Regional Assessment	694,822	865,186	934,658	1,155,301	561,023	1,175,405
53265 Assabet Non-Excluded Debt	141,488	137,660	133,832	130,004	130,004	126,176
TOTAL	836,310	1,002,846	1,068,490	1,285,305	691,027	1,301,581

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NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL						
56470 Norfolk Agricultural Assessment	0	0	37,690	69,934	4,698	46,200
TOTAL	0	0	37,960	69,934	4,698	46,200