

**DERRY COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DERRY, NH**

**Frequently Asked Budget Questions  
February 2014**

**Question: What was the total budget for the current year?**

**Answer:** \$81,903,690.54 (this includes \$2,500,000.00 in Food Service and Federal Funds which are self-funded.)

**Question: What is the total proposed 2014-2015 budget?**

**Answer:** \$80,817,146.18 (this includes \$2,500,000.00 in Food Service and Federal Funds which are self-funded.) The proposed 14-15 budget is \$1,086,544.36 less than the current 13-14 budget, and is \$333,645.99 less than the default budget.

**Question: Did the school district eliminate positions in the upcoming (2014-2015) year? If so, what positions were eliminated and why?**

**Answer:** Yes. The district eliminated the following positions based on student enrollment.

**South Range School:** reduce (1) grade 5 teacher

**Derry Village School:** reduce (1) grade 4 & (1) grade 5 teacher

**East Derry Memorial:** reduce (1) grade 3 teacher

**East Derry Memorial:** reduce (1) special education teacher

**West Running Brook:** reduce (1) special education teacher

**District:** reduce (2) special education assistants & reduce part-time elementary band teacher by 1 day.

**Question: Has the district reduced staff in the recent years?**

**Answer:** Yes. Since 2006 the school district has reduced its staff by 60.2 positions.

**Question: Did the school district add positions? If so, what was added and why?**

**Answer:**

**Grinnell Elementary:** requesting (1) additional grade 5 teacher based on student enrollment to keep classes at/below school board recommendations.

**Grinnell Elementary:** requesting (1) reading specialist position. Grinnell currently does not provide the services of a reading specialist to regular education students. All other elementary schools offer this educational service.

**West Running Brook/Gilbert H. Hood:** requesting (1) library assistant to allow each middle school to provide media services to support the implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

**District:** requesting (1) additional assistant student services director.

**Question: What is the total budget for the Pre-K to grade 8 programs?**

**Answer:** 2012-2013 \$52,219,205.86  
2013-2014 \$54,530,934.19  
2014-2015 \$53,826,274.33

**Question: What is the amount we pay for high school tuition?**

**Answer:** The total amount for high school tuition is \$26,815,871.85. It is allocated as follows:

\$1,700,000.00 for Out of District special education  
\$328,438.35 for NEXT Charter School  
\$3,962,738.92 for Pinkerton Academy special education  
\$20,824,694.58 for Pinkerton Academy regular tuition as well as tuition to other districts and charter schools.

**Question: What percentage of the budget is spent on high school tuition?**

**Answer:** High School tuition is 34% of the district budget.

**Question: What % of the budget is spent on salary and benefits?**

**Answer:** Total percentage for salaries & benefits is 52%. Salaries are 34% & Benefits are 18% of the total budget.

**Question: Did the school district spend any of the \$800,000 that was added at the Deliberative Session?**

**Answer:** Yes, \$257,214 of the \$800,000 that was added to the budget at the deliberative session was spent on the following positions. The remainder will be returned to the town as part of the unencumbered fund balance at the completion of the current fiscal year.

**South Range:** (1) guidance counselor  
**District:** (1) part time elementary band teacher  
**Grinnell:** (1) grade 5 classroom teacher  
**Barka:** (1) grade 5 educational assistant  
**District:** Educational assistant negotiated contract agreement that was approved by voters on June 25, 2013.

- **PLEASE NOTE: The Derry School District received an updated tuition rate from Pinkerton Academy after our public hearing was held. The new rate reduces tuition by \$277,250.28. We will discuss this reduction today and the potential impact on the 2014-2015 school budget.**