



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

November 5, 2020

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes and
Honorable Members of the City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval an ORDER that the sum of **SIX MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$6,503,133)** now standing to the credit of the account from **ORDINARY REVENUE AND MUNICIPAL RECEIPTS** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.....\$6,503,133

To be certified and approved by the Department Head

This supplemental appropriation reconciles the Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted Budget with guidance provided by the Baker Administration and the State Legislature.

Sincerely,

Jon Mitchell
Mayor



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

November 12, 2020

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ARI J. SKY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

November 2, 2020

TO: Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell
New Bedford City Council

FROM: Ari J. Sky

SUBJECT: FY 2021 Net School Spending Requirements

The FY 2021 proposed budget incorporated conservative estimates for State revenue given delays in the State's budget process. The \$179,162,500 operating budget for the School Department, which includes \$29,162,500 in direct health insurance expenditures, anticipated no change in Chapter 70 funding from FY 2020 to 2021.

Since the adoption of the FY 2021 budget, the State has released several pieces of guidance regarding local aid. In late July, the Baker Administration and the Legislature released targets for Chapter 70 and Unrestricted General Government Aid and, on October 13, the Administration proposed a revised budget that incorporated the local aid targets and provided complete Cherry Sheet estimates.

The Governor's proposed budget includes a number of revisions to local aid and assessments. Chapter 70 aid to the City was set at \$166,091,904, which is \$6,260,940 higher than FY 2020. In addition, Charter School reimbursements and assessments were reduced by a net of \$430,499 from the initial estimates provided by the State in January. Finally, DESE has released updated guidance which indicates that compliance with the FY 2021 Net School Spending requirements will require an additional appropriation of about \$6,503,133.

Attached please find correspondence from the School Department requesting a supplemental appropriation to bring the FY 2021 budget into compliance with Net School Spending requirements. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Attachment



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THOMAS ANDERSON
SUPERINTENDENT

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November 2, 2020

Mr. Ari Sky
Chief Financial Officer
City of New Bedford
133 William St, Room 302
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Mr. Sky,

Following the conclusion of the state's budget process and finalization of Cherry Sheet assessments and charges, I am writing to request a supplemental appropriation increase of \$6,503,133.00 to the School Department Fiscal Year 2021 budget. This will be submitted at the next School Committee meeting scheduled for November 9, 2020.

The School Department initial budget was adjusted to reflect the impact of reduced state aid. In addition, beginning in FY 2021 health insurance expenses have been assigned directly to the School Department to ensure compliance with Net School Spending requirements. The total Health Insurance amount assigned to the school department is \$26,162,500. In summary, this will be added to the school operations and health insurance total of \$179,162,500, with a new school department budget of \$185,665,633.

In anticipation of School Committee approval, I request this item be included in Mayor's papers and on the agenda for the November 12, 2020 City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Andrew O'Leary
Asst Supt Finance & Operations



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Estimated Receipts Estimated Assessments & Charges

PROGRAM	FY2020 Cherry Sheet Estimate	FY2021 Governor's Budget Proposal	FY2021 Governor's Revised Budget Proposal	FY2021 House Budget Proposal	FY2021 Senate Budget Proposal	FY2021 Conference Committee
Education Receipts:						
Chapter 70	159,830,964	170,504,247	166,091,904			
School Transportation	0	0	0			
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	3,701,526	2,663,676	2,480,776			
Smart Growth School Reimbursement	0	0	0			
Offset Receipts:						
School Choice Receiving Tuition	30,182	146,000	136,625			
Sub-Total, All Education Items:	163,562,672	173,313,923	168,709,305			
General Government:						
Unrestricted Gen Gov't Aid	24,427,447	25,111,416	24,427,447			
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0	0	0			
Regional Public Libraries	0	0	0			
Veterans Benefits	2,075,756	1,932,189	1,932,189			
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	475,759	481,997	481,997			
State Owned Land	20,708	20,598	20,562			
Offset Receipts:						
Public Libraries	172,856	172,222	172,222			
Sub-Total, All General Government:	27,172,526	27,718,422	27,034,417			
Total Estimated Receipts:	190,735,198	201,032,345	195,743,722			

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County Assessments:						
County Tax	647,374	663,558	663,558			
Suffolk County Retirement	0	0	0			
Sub-Total, County Assessments:	647,374	663,558	663,558			
State Assessments and Charges:						
Retired Employees Health Insurance	0	0	0			
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	0	0	0			
Mosquito Control Projects	106,297	113,881	113,859			
Air Pollution Districts	22,190	22,544	22,544			
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	0	0	0			
Old Colony Planning Council	0	0	0			
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	336,520	345,120	345,120			
Sub-Total, State Assessments:	465,007	481,545	481,523			
Transportation Authorities:						
MBTA	0	0	0			
Boston Metro. Transit District	0	0	0			
Regional Transit	1,241,786	1,272,830	1,272,830			
Sub-Total, Transp Authorities:	1,241,786	1,272,830	1,272,830			
Annual Charges Against Receipts:						
Multi-Year Repayment Program	0	0	0			
Special Education	106,220	72,860	75,138			
STRAP Repayments	0	0	0			
Sub-Total, Annual Charges:	106,220	72,860	75,138			
Tuition Assessments:						
School Choice Sending Tuition	1,371,071	1,578,516	1,469,298			
Charter School Sending Tuition	19,747,553	18,839,783	18,326,227			
Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments:	21,118,624	20,418,299	19,795,525			
Total All Estimated Charges:	23,579,011	22,909,092	22,288,574			

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