



AMESBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Amesbury School Committee

FROM: Deirdre Farrell, Assistant Superintendent

DATE: November 16, 2015

RE: **Financial Update – Continued**

1.) Special Education Tuitions

There is currently an available balance in our Special Education Out of District Line Item due to the following:

- 1.) Favorable BSEA Decisions – LEA Assignments
- 2.) Ability to keep 3 students in-district
- 3.) Student Withdrew/transfer to another district
- 4.) DCF placements

These residual funds are, in part, due to the work done in challenging residency and by the ability to keep students in District. At this time, the total funds potentially available could be over 500k for tuition costs. This does not take into consideration any current cases that may result in additional costs. This is unusual and has not occurred in the past few fiscal years. As you know, budgets in past fiscal years have been frozen because of unanticipated, unbudgeted costs.

2.) Transfers

I have been working with Norm Fredette on the Cashman Elementary School Roof. The right, rear roof is in serious need of replacement, as apparent in the photos provided. I have received a verbal quote to replace the roof and to install a gutter at the roof line of \$9,500. I am awaiting receipt of the written quote.

I would recommend that you approve a transfer as follows:

From Special Education Tuitions	\$10,000
To Maintenance Contract Service	\$10,000

3.) FY17 Budget Timeline

A FY17 Budget Timeline has been prepared and reviewed by the Leadership Team. We have started the work necessary to build building based staffing budgets, technology, special education out of district, and curriculum. In the timeline, we have identified steps to include work with school councils, faculty and staff with budget development and the review and updating of School Achievement Plans.