

**WETHERSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REFORECAST COMMENTARY  
FISCAL YEAR 2025 – AS OF MAY 22ND**

**SUMMARY**

- The Town Council approved operating budget for fiscal year 2024-25 is \$64,937,803, an increase of \$3,074,637 (4.97%) over the final 2023-24 operating budget (\$61,863,166).
- Expenditures through May 22<sup>nd</sup> total \$55,769,030 with encumbrances and requisitions of \$2,240,204.
- Unbudgeted expenditures, incurred and probable, total \$585,000 for the current period.
- Unbudgeted savings, realized and potential, total \$775,000 for the current period.
- The current reforecast for 2024-25 is \$64,747,803 or \$190,000 (.29%) under budget.

**DETAIL BY MAJOR OBJECT**

**I. PERSONAL SERVICES - SALARIES**

- Unbudgeted expenditures of \$370,000 due to projected substitute teachers (contracted and employed, daily and long term), exceeding the approved budget (\$75,000); individualized tutor for mediated settlement agreements (\$40,000); fiscal year retroactive payments related to new Secretary/Paraeducator/Tutor contract (\$135,000); increase in substitute paraeducator wages, based on current needs and prior year actuals (\$120,000).
- Potential savings of \$565,000 the result lower cost new hires replacing teacher resignations and retirements along with extended unpaid FMLA for current staff (\$525,000); anticipated curriculum writing and other hourly stipends under budget, based on remaining grant funding (\$40,000).

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**II. PERSONAL SERVICES - BENEFITS**

- Unbudgeted expenditures of \$30,000 due to change in the level of medical and dental coverage for existing employees and the corresponding employer HSA contribution amount (\$5,000); increase in number of retiring teachers and the projected contractual payout over two fiscal years exceeding the budget (\$25,000).
- Potential savings of \$10,000 the result of projected contractual staff reimbursement for educational courses and degree advancement.

**III. PURCHASED PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

- Unbudgeted expenditures of \$75,000 due to increase in need of contracted specialized services, including additional speech and language support, primarily due to required compensatory services.
- Potential savings of \$25,000 the result of legal costs already incurred and the anticipated use of counsel through the end of the school year.

**IV. OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES**

- Unbudgeted expenditures of \$110,000 due to projected aggregate cost for all seasons of Athletic transportation (\$15,000); CIRMA invoices for LAP deductibles related to school leader liability claims (\$10,000); revised supplemental Excess Cost reimbursement from the State has decreased along with anticipated revenue amounts from other districts (for students in Wethersfield receiving specialized services, primarily the OC program), based on finalized level of resource hours and Paraeducator support (\$85,000).
- Potential savings of \$115,000 the net result of changes in placement and services for students at private facilities (\$35,000); anticipated final magnet tuition costs, based on enrollment and offset of State revenue related to the OC program (\$50,000); final paid enrollment for Vo-Ag placement, compared to budgeted students (\$30,000).

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**V. SUPPLIES**

- Potential savings of \$60,000 the result of controlled spending related to textbook replacements and upgrades (\$30,000) as well as instructional supplies (\$30,000).

**VARIABLES FOR DISCUSSION**

- Certain accounts with a high percentage expended may not reflect the recording of various revenue offsets (Excess Cost, Open Choice per pupil allocations, payments from other districts), based on timing of receipt. Conversely, those with a low percentage expended may not reflect the timing of paid invoices (for example, annual licenses that renew in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year).
- Professional Services, Repairs and Supplies are still being monitored to determine needs through year end and how buildings/departments will spend remaining allocations. There is the potential for slight additional savings (beyond what is posted), based on how the remaining five weeks develop.