

March 22, 2010

To the Citizens of Medfield:

The information contained in this document is to familiarize you with the proposed school budget for fiscal year 2011. We ask you to review this booklet and bring it with you to Town Meeting on April 26, 2010.

The proposed budget for the operation of the Medfield Public Schools for FY11 (from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) is \$26,359,947. This is the same amount that was passed at last year's annual town meeting. FY10 had been later reduced at the fall special town meeting and this proposed FY11 budget represents an increase of less than 1/2 of 1% (0.46%) over the FY10 final budget. Thus, the proposed FY11 budget will have increased by \$230,354 over a two year period—or by less than 9/10 of 1%.

In early November, the Selectmen and Warrant Committee initiated the formal portion of the budget process and established the target increase with which this budget complies. This goal was predicated on local aid from the state being reduced by 5% in FY 2011 from the level at which it was funded in FY 2010. Among the reductions in state aid was a reduction in special education circuit breaker aid that the state enacted.

The Superintendent and his leadership team maintained a long-standing principal of minimizing any negative impact on the students' educational experience when deciding items to cut in the budget. Given that the contractual increases for existing staff (personnel costs being the largest driver of the school budget at nearly 82%) were greater than the budget increases in each of the last two years, numerous measures were required to achieve this near-level budget, while maintaining existing class sizes.

The School Committee and the school administration maintained the expenditure controls implemented in the fall of 2008 to enable the Medfield Public Schools to compensate for the reduction in special education circuit breaker aid. By providing appropriate programs within the Medfield Public Schools, we were able to reduce our out-of-district placements, conserving both tuition and transportation dollars. Additionally, through implementation of aggressive energy conservation measures, we have been able to achieve a significant reduction in our utility expenditures. Thus, the Medfield Public School district was able to conserve \$251,536 in state reimbursements for Special Education placements for use in FY2011. Finally, we were able to further reduce our non-personnel spending for technology by utilizing funds remaining under the building committee's control to purchase needed items (approximately \$66,000) that had been planned to be purchased in the FY 2011 budget and by utilization of the second portion of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus) funding. In addition to applying these funds to the FY2011 budget, we have further reduced our non-personnel spending so that it comprises less than 18.25% of total budgeted spending.

The fact that district-wide enrollment growth has abated made it possible to maintain relative consistency in staffing levels with only minimal effect on class size. This budget reflects a net overall increase in staffing levels of 0.24 FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) positions for next year. This follows a reduction in staffing of 13.78 FTE positions in the current year.

The Committee's request to the Capital Budget Committee for FY 2011 was \$246,450. The Warrant Committee recommended funding of \$ 97,750 comprised of \$68,750 to continue the Dale Street School window replacement project, and \$29,000 to replace a pick-up truck for the Maintenance Department.

The Committee is pleased to report that the Superintendent and his staff worked diligently to prepare a spending plan that is mindful of the fiscal constraints imposed by limited funding while maintaining Medfield's excellent educational system. The School Committee and the Superintendent are very active in attempting to increase education funding to Medfield. In addition, we are monitoring stimulus funds and working to receive our share of those funds. The percentage of Medfield's school budget funded by the state is still inadequate and below the level that it should receive given its property tax base per pupil.

You may find more information about the budget process on our website at <http://email.medfield.net/~school>.

Thank you for your continued support of the Medfield Public Schools.

Sincerely,

The Medfield School Committee

Susan Cotter, Chairperson; Timothy Bonfatti, Vice Chairperson; Carolyn Casey, Recording Secretary; Susan Ruzzo, Financial Secretary; Debra Noschese, Member.

**Medfield Public Schools**  
**FY 2011 Budget Summary**

	<b>FY 2010 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2011 Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>% of Total FY 11 Budget</b>
<b><u>PERSONNEL</u></b>				
ADMINISTRATION & SUPERVISION	\$530,520	\$551,454	\$20,934	2.09%
INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL (Teachers, Principals, Substitutes, Extra-Curricular, Intramurals)	17,866,166	18,231,691	365,525	69.16%
NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL (Aides, Maintenance, Custodians, Secretaries, Paraprofessionals)	<u>2,790,511</u>	<u>2,776,596</u>	<u>(13,915)</u>	<u>10.53%</u>
<b>PERSONNEL - SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,187,197</b>	<b>\$21,559,741</b>	<b>\$372,545</b>	<b>81.79%</b>
<b><u>OPERATIONS</u></b>				
INSTRUCTIONAL & NON-INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (Supplies, Textbooks, Technology)	\$1,021,991	\$791,691	\$(230,300)	3.00%
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT (System-Wide Curriculum Development, Conference & Travel)	82,429	84,214	1,785	0.31%
UTILITIES (Heat, Electricity, Water, Sewer, Phone)	1,168,950	1,052,550	(116,400)	3.99%
CONTRACTED SERVICES, OTHER (Regular and SPED Transportation, Health Contracts, SPED Tuitions, Legal)	<u>2,779,380</u>	<u>2,871,751</u>	<u>92,371</u>	<u>10.89%</u>
<b>OPERATIONS - SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,052,750</b>	<b>\$4,800,206</b>	<b>\$(252,544)</b>	<b>18.21%</b>
<b>TOTAL: PERSONNEL and OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$26,239,947</b>	<b>\$26,359,947</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Class Size Estimates for FY 2010**

<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Average FY 11 Class Size</u></b>	<b><u>Recommended Maximum Class Size Guideline*</u></b>
Memorial School (Grades K-1)	18-22	20
Wheelock School (Grades 2-3)	21-22	23
Dale Street School (Grades 4-5)	21-24	23-24
Blake Middle School (Grades 6-8)	19-24	24
High School (Grades 9-12)	varies	24

\*Per School Committee Policy dated September 2000

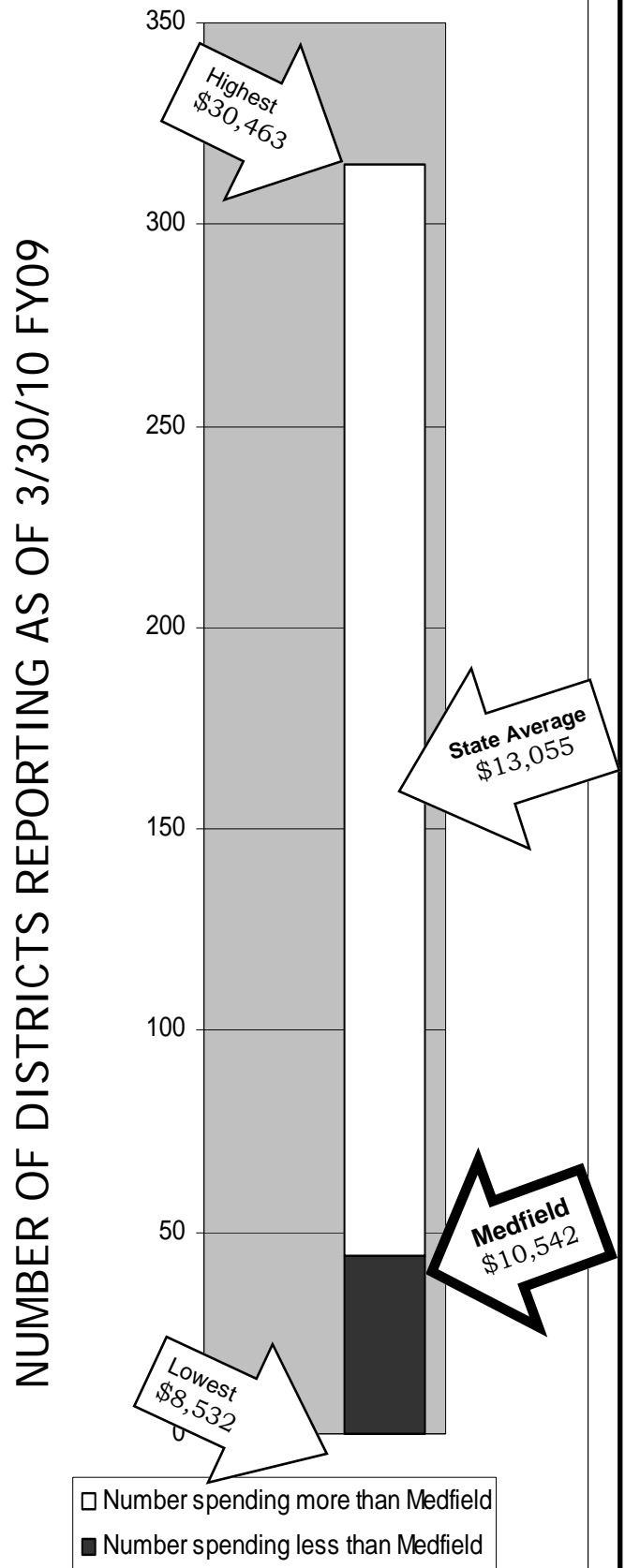
## What should I know about the school budget?

- Medfield is in the bottom 15% in per pupil spending in the state. This is the 45<sup>th</sup> lowest per pupil expenditure of the 318 districts reporting. (These are preliminary FY 09 numbers, the most recent year for which data is available.)
- **As shown in the graph to the right**, the average per pupil expenditure in the state is \$13,055. At \$10,542, Medfield's spending is among the very lowest in the state. **IF** Medfield's spent at the state average, our budget would be \$7.6 million more.
- Medfield's per pupil spending is approximately 20% below the state average.
- Medfield's FY 09 per pupil spending is 80.8% of the state average. In FY 99 it was spending 83% of the state average.

## How are our schools performing?

- ◆ U.S. News and World Report in collaboration with School Evaluation Services, an affiliate of Standard and Poor's, awarded Medfield High School a silver medal in its America's Best High Schools project, placing the school in the top 3% of 18,743 high schools analyzed. ([usnews.com/sections/education/high-schools](http://usnews.com/sections/education/high-schools))
- ◆ *The Boston Globe* ranked Medfield High School 15th in English, 24th in Math and 7th in Science with 97% and 95% of 10th grade students scoring advanced or proficient on the 2009 MCAS test in English and Math respectively.
- ◆ Medfield High School was named a 2008 Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. Only 55 high schools nationally received this award and only two were from Massachusetts. The award recognizes schools that either showed dramatic gains in student achievement or are academically superior. Medfield qualified for the latter category.

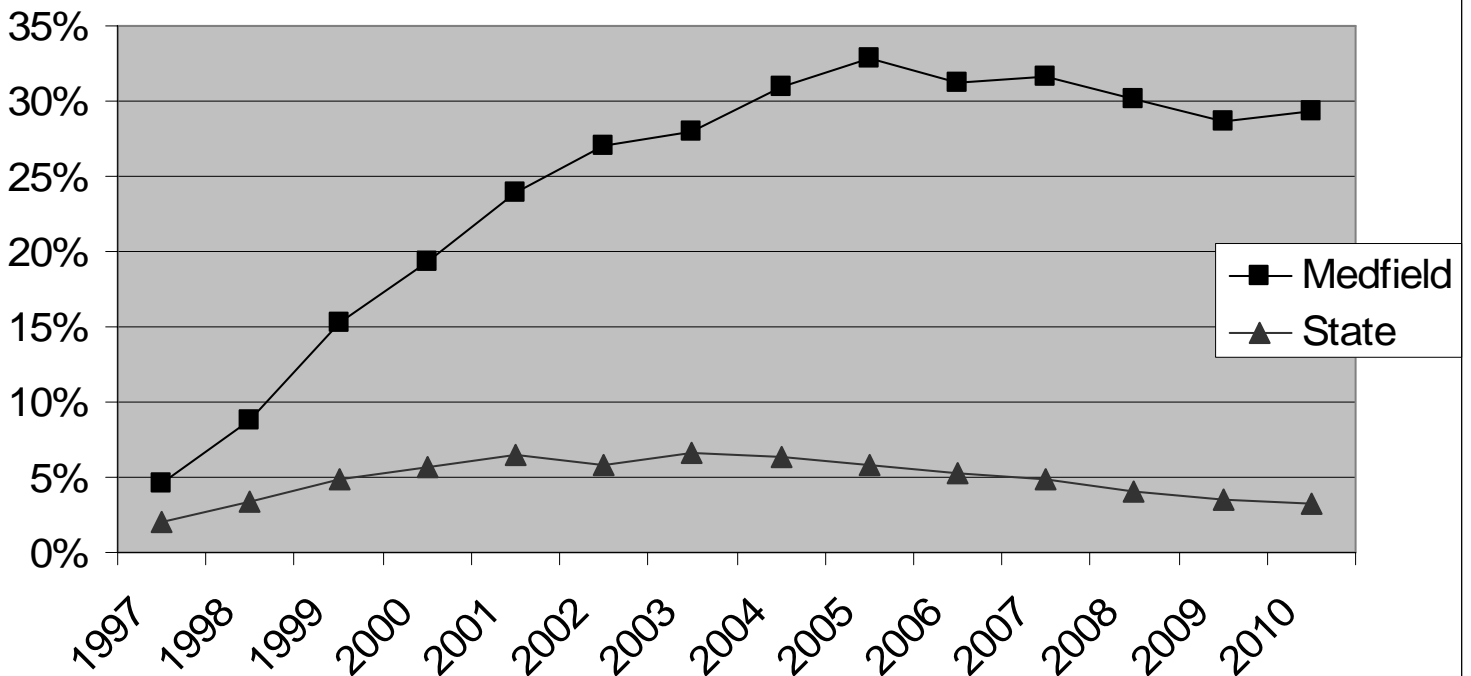
## Per Pupil Spending Compared to Other Cities and Towns



## Medfield's Recent Enrollment History and Projected Enrollment

Grade Level	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Projected 2011
Kindergarten	239	233	203	203	201	173	204	179
1	213	247	242	220	209	202	190	213
2	259	222	240	238	221	216	208	194
3	251	257	221	248	245	222	224	213
4	244	257	259	220	254	248	234	231
5	250	245	260	263	224	259	250	238
6	236	249	244	254	261	226	262	251
7	241	233	247	237	244	260	221	256
8	244	238	228	247	239	248	256	222
9	241	225	226	213	240	229	243	248
10	186	242	218	223	213	235	231	242
11	221	181	245	213	230	215	235	234
12	180	220	179	242	207	220	212	228
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3005</b>	<b>3049</b>	<b>3012</b>	<b>3021</b>	<b>2988</b>	<b>2953</b>	<b>2970</b>	<b>2,949</b>
<b>Change</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>(37)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>(33)</b>	<b>(35)</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>(31)</b>
<b>% Change</b>		<b>1.5%</b>	<b>(1.2)%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>(1.1)%</b>	<b>(1.2)%</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>(1.0)%</b>

### Rate of Enrollment Growth Since 1996 Medfield v State



**REVENUE FROM FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS,  
ALLOCATIONS AND OTHER LOCAL RECEIPTS**

	<b>FY 2007 (actual)</b>	<b>FY 2008 (actual)</b>	<b>FY 2009 (actual)</b>	<b>FY 2010 (estimate)</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>
<b>STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS/REIMBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,017,391</b>	<b>\$1,087,118</b>	<b>\$ 1,693,479</b>	<b>\$1,209,919</b>	TBD*
<b>STATE FUNDING:</b>					
Chapter 70 Funding	\$5,113,751	\$5,718,333	\$5,421,102	\$5,937,045	**\$5,640,193
Chapter 71 General Transportation	0	0	0	0	0
School Construction (excluding 1 time payment)	<u>653,827</u>	<u>653,827</u>	<u>653,827</u>	<u>653,827</u>	<u>653,827</u>
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDING</b>	<b>\$5,767,578</b>	<b>\$6,372,160</b>	<b>\$6,074,929</b>	<b>\$6,590,872</b>	<b>\$6,294,020</b>
<b>LOCAL RECEIPTS</b>				<i>Actual as of 3/29/10</i>	
Community Education, incl. Adult Ed, Summer School, Kindergarten and Integrated Preschool Tuitions, Before/After School Care	\$316,989	\$323,601	\$335,646	\$223,930	TBD*
Athletic Receipts (Gate Receipts and HS and MS Student Fees)	187,971	230,065	290,881	232,601	TBD*
Intramural and Activity Receipts	52,551	60,872	55,791	56,782	TBD*
School Facility Rental, Student Parking	<u>101,537</u>	<u>107,947</u>	<u>113,048</u>	<u>95,828</u>	TBD*
<b>TOTAL LOCAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 659,048</b>	<b>\$ 722,485</b>	<b>\$ 795,366</b>	<b>\$609,141</b>	<b>TBD*</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS (EXCLUDING LOCAL TAXES)</b>	<b>\$ 7,444,017</b>	<b>\$ 8,181,763</b>	<b>\$ 8,563,774</b>	<b>\$8,409,932</b>	<b>TBD*</b>

\* TBD: To be determined

\*\* Projected

**Capital Outlay for Schools FY 2011**

The Town Capital Outlay Committee recent and proposed annual funding for the Medfield Public Schools:

	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY 2011 (estimated)</b>
<b>Total Capital Dollars Requested</b>	<b>\$157,858</b>	<b>\$153,000</b>	<b>\$125,296</b>	<b>\$ 183,154</b>	<b>\$222,222</b>	<b>\$246,150</b>
<b>Total Capital Dollars Approved</b>	<b>\$ 61,358</b>	<b>\$153,000†</b>	<b>\$125,296</b>	<b>\$121,682</b>	<b>\$119,800</b>	<b>\$97,750</b>

†The impact of School capital projects on the FY 2007 budget was \$53,000, as the installation of the vertical lift at the Wheelock School was financed through borrowing.

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School Budget

July 1, 2010 — June 30, 2011

TOWN MEETING  
7:30 p.m. Monday  
April 26, 2010