
Subcommittee Digest

6/2/2026

From the desk of Jesse Hefter, chairperson of the PSB Finance and Capital Subcommittee...



Gifts and Grants

We recommended that the following gifts and grants be moved forward to the full School Committee for a vote:

- \$46,800 - Gift: David Whipple Fund for a BHS Writing Fellowship
- \$25,000 - Grant: Summer Eats Program
- \$3,000 - Grant: Extend Summer Eats to folks over 18 experiencing food insecurity
- \$50,000 - Grant: Approve the application for a state grant related to phone-free schools

FY2026 Budget Updates (from the [Dr. Givens' Report](#))

Staff has strategically leveraged grant opportunities to offset current year operating expenses, including Title I (\$385,767), PRISM (\$204,248), METCO Supplement (\$236,198), Earmark (\$122,000), etc. In addition, staff have aggressively pursued opportunities to increase revenue to mitigate the impact of the structural deficit through circuit breaker reimbursement, facility rentals, and athletic fee collection.

These efforts, coupled with the aforementioned increase in circuit breaker revenue, have resulted in favorable variances in the operating budget that will offset budgetary shortfalls and close the structural gap. We expect to expend all funds allocated to the FY26 operating budget and retain some of the additional revenue received in our revolving funds (circuit breaker, facility rental, etc.).

FY2027 Position Report (from the [Dr. Givens' Report](#))

Enrollment projections used during the budget process are based on the official October 1 enrollment data for each year, certified by DESE.

In May, we review enrollment and balance K-5 sections within and across schools. Enrollment changes will continue throughout the summer based on families moving to and from Brookline, resident families electing to enroll in or withdraw from private schools, and families registering their children for Kindergarten. This course correction allows the district to plan and prepare for the upcoming school year in a thoughtful, orderly way.

Based on current enrollment patterns, we are collapsing one Kindergarten section at FRR, adding one grade 5 section at FRR, and adding one grade 1 section at Runkle. We will use two unassigned sections to fund the additional Runkle teacher and paraprofessional.



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