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Introductions

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAR 17** National Honor Society Induction
 All Day
- MAR 18** School Banking
 9:00AM - 9:20AM
- MAR 19** 3rd Grade Fundraiser
 6:00PM - 8:00PM

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Good Day!! As we begin to feel the return of Spring in the air there is also a campaign you can feel happening within the



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Ware High School Alumni will be showcased here to let people know what they are doing now!



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Inspiring the Community with Student Success Stories!



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1	ABINGTON	20,395,088	22,633,790	2,238,702	111.0	18,967,493	119.3	20,366,888	24,060,492	6.3	3,693,604	118.1	18,287,522	131.6
600	ACTON BOXBOROUGH	28,899,436	36,055,926	7,156,490	124.8	28,337,812	127.2	54,544,844	69,725,225	93.4	15,180,381	127.8	52,422,543	133.0
3	ACUSHNET	12,217,805	12,798,694	580,889	104.8	11,227,245	114.0	12,543,470	13,220,537	3.3	677,067	105.4	11,538,501	114.6
603	ADAMS CHESHIRE	14,967,963	16,256,696	1,288,733	108.6	14,525,980	111.9	15,110,118	16,782,574	3.2	1,672,456	111.1	14,419,594	116.4
5	AGAWAM	40,950,719	50,014,056	9,063,337	122.1	39,705,690	126.0	41,055,980	52,348,943	4.7	11,292,963	127.5	40,513,463	129.2
8	AMHERST	14,677,125	22,609,246	7,932,121	154.0	11,999,014	188.4	14,733,476	23,236,702	2.8	8,503,226	157.7	11,927,370	194.8
605	AMHERST PELHAM	20,940,680	27,008,092	6,067,412	129.0	15,889,254	170.0	20,795,615	27,857,606	3.1	7,061,991	134.0	15,504,219	179.7
9	ANDOVER	58,371,737	81,654,328	23,282,591	139.9	57,208,568	142.7	58,496,767	83,770,317	2.6	25,273,550	143.2	56,905,481	147.2
10	ARLINGTON	46,406,615	57,753,880	11,347,265	124.5	46,406,615	124.5	47,819,420	62,735,309	8.6	14,915,889	131.2	47,819,420	131.2
610	ASHBURNHAM WEST	21,150,403	22,927,232	1,776,829	108.4	20,785,812	110.3	21,199,498	24,103,797	5.1	2,904,299	113.7	20,944,478	115.1
14	ASHLAND	23,304,655	29,782,440	6,477,785	127.8	23,024,893	129.3	23,727,837	30,733,142	3.2	7,005,305	129.5	23,394,153	131.4
801	ASSABET VALLEY	11,948,006	12,208,973	260,967	102.2	11,645,533	104.8	11,814,465	12,425,917	1.8	611,452	105.2	11,767,240	105.6
615	ATHOL ROYALSTON	19,454,602	19,829,898	375,296	101.9	17,517,520	113.2	19,630,654	20,917,945	5.5	1,287,291	106.6	17,539,155	119.3
16	ATTLEBORO	66,017,928	65,861,629	-156,299	99.8	65,997,193	99.8	67,070,690	67,709,591	2.8	638,901	101.0	66,876,305	101.2
17	AUBURN	23,019,509	28,030,070	5,010,561	121.8	22,143,760	126.6	22,953,110	29,001,679	3.5	6,048,569	126.4	22,469,657	129.1
18	AVON	5,785,054	8,217,078	2,432,024	142.0	5,277,961	155.7	5,627,673	8,706,714	6.0	3,079,041	154.7	5,301,351	164.2
616	AYER SHIRLEY	18,417,535	20,748,215	2,330,680	112.7	17,689,265	117.3	18,740,647	22,191,768	7.0	3,451,121	118.4	18,020,997	123.1
20	BARNSTABLE	55,193,835	65,306,537	10,112,702	118.3	53,905,631	121.1	54,648,673	68,019,758	4.2	13,371,085	124.5	53,870,373	126.3
23	BEDFORD	25,578,165	38,588,568	13,010,403	150.9	25,381,921	152.0	26,035,580	40,369,781	4.6	14,334,201	155.1	25,862,895	156.1
24	BELCHERTOWN	24,248,803	26,164,678	1,915,875	107.9	23,833,925	109.8	24,610,522	26,900,870	2.8	2,290,348	109.3	23,327,152	115.3
25	BELLINGHAM	23,209,464	26,379,795	3,170,331	113.7	22,859,867	115.4	23,510,812	27,978,285	6.1	4,467,473	119.0	22,925,709	122.0
26	BELMONT	36,239,998	44,582,567	8,342,569	123.0	35,925,170	124.1	37,689,370	46,486,634	4.3	8,797,264	123.3	37,689,370	123.3
27	BERKLEY	6,943,883	9,041,180	2,097,297	130.2	6,637,700	136.2	7,077,770	8,541,785	-5.5	1,464,015	120.7	6,578,225	129.8

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43	BRIMFIELD	3,609	\$18,794	2,647,286	3,569,443	922,157	134.8	2,589,280	137.9	2,697,781	3,581,834	0.3	884,053	132.8	2,557,047	140.1
74	DEERFIELD	5,125	\$22,620	3,762,922	4,868,329	1,105,407	129.4	3,138,146	155.1	3,789,594	5,042,014	3.6	1,252,420	133.0	3,182,088	158.4
117	HADLEY	5,250	\$21,164	6,487,576	7,172,125	684,549	110.6	6,128,452	117.0	6,290,105	8,443,305	17.7	2,153,200	134.2	5,981,188	141.2
111	GRANBY	6,240	\$19,990	9,243,938	9,978,380	734,442	107.9	8,574,245	116.4	9,233,514	9,648,253	-3.3	414,739	104.5	8,273,053	116.6
191	MONSON	8,560	\$19,832	12,740,430	13,254,121	513,691	104.0	11,640,741	113.9	12,888,284	13,254,136	0.0	365,852	102.8	11,227,560	118.1
309	WARE	9,872	\$15,470	14,836,587	14,461,103	-375,484	97.5	14,182,968	102.0	14,687,261	14,717,320	1.8	30,059	100.2	14,311,777	102.8
227	PALMER	12,140	\$17,347	18,269,486	17,309,523	-959,963	94.7	16,198,576	106.9	18,443,864	17,721,412	2.4	-722,452	96.1	15,478,309	114.5
24	BELCHERTOWN	14,649	\$19,783	24,248,803	26,164,678	1,915,875	107.9	23,833,925	109.8	24,610,522	26,900,870	2.8	2,290,348	109.3	23,327,152	115.3
159	LONGMEADOW	15,784	\$28,192	26,558,037	35,169,656	8,611,619	132.4	24,962,248	140.9	26,111,040	37,001,177	5.2	10,890,137	141.7	24,849,641	148.9
86	EASTHAMPTON	16,053	\$19,541	18,643,951	19,427,603	783,652	104.2	17,991,276	108.0	19,076,016	19,888,333	2.4	812,317	104.3	17,813,516	111.6
114	GREENFIELD	17,456	\$15,296	21,764,586	24,622,253	2,857,667	113.1	21,688,417	113.5	21,745,551	25,042,166	1.7	3,296,615	115.2	21,246,904	117.9
161	LUDLOW	21,103	\$18,452	28,047,405	32,286,034	4,238,629	115.1	27,755,976	116.3	28,303,034	33,836,046	4.8	5,533,012	119.5	27,236,634	124.2
137	HOLYOKE	39,880	\$11,845	79,084,666	80,384,902	1,300,236	101.6	78,916,203	101.9	79,477,472	80,402,366	0.0	924,894	101.2	78,698,903	102.2
61	CHICOPEE	55,298	\$16,608	85,269,685	87,825,772	2,556,087	103.0	85,269,685	103.0	86,339,875	88,614,349	0.9	2,274,474	102.6	86,339,875	102.6
95	FALL RIVER	88,857	\$12,121	122,984,522	119,453,840	-3,530,682	97.1	122,984,522	97.1	129,885,335	127,225,042	6.5	-2,660,293	98.0	126,851,512	100.3
860	PATHFINDER	Regional	Regional	9,299,416	11,015,002	1,715,586	118.4	9,290,876	118.6	9,245,583	11,469,889	4.1	2,224,306	124.1	8,740,342	131.2
753	QUABBIN	Regional	Regional	26,080,661	28,019,743	1,939,082	107.4	22,333,577	125.5	26,228,214	28,838,193	2.9	2,609,979	110.0	21,722,178	132.8
670	FRONTIER	Regional	Regional	7,492,455	9,897,657	2,405,202	132.1	5,648,702	175.2	7,508,734	10,413,649	5.2	2,904,915	138.7	5,716,411	182.2

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95	FALL RIVER	88,857	\$12,121	122,984,522	119,453,840	-3,530,682	97.1	122,984,522	97.1	129,885,335	127,225,042	6.5	-2,660,293	98.0	126,851,512	100.3
114	GREENFIELD	17,456	\$15,296	21,764,586	24,622,253	2,857,667	113.1	21,688,417	113.5	21,745,551	25,042,166	1.7	3,296,615	115.2	21,246,904	117.9
309	WARE	9,872	\$15,470	14,836,587	14,461,103	-375,484	97.5	14,182,968	102.0	14,687,261	14,717,320	1.8	30,059	100.2	14,311,777	102.8
61	CHICOPEE	55,298	\$16,608	85,269,685	87,825,772	2,556,087	103.0	85,269,685	103.0	86,339,875	88,614,349	0.9	2,274,474	102.6	86,339,875	102.6
227	PALMER	12,140	\$17,347	18,269,486	17,309,523	-959,963	94.7	16,198,576	106.9	18,443,864	17,721,412	2.4	-722,452	96.1	15,478,309	114.5
161	LUDLOW	21,103	\$18,452	28,047,405	32,286,034	4,238,629	115.1	27,755,976	116.3	28,303,034	33,836,046	4.8	5,533,012	119.5	27,236,634	124.2
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86	EASTHAMPTON	16,053	\$19,541	18,643,951	19,427,603	783,652	104.2	17,991,276	108.0	19,076,016	19,888,333	2.4	812,317	104.3	17,813,516	111.6
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111	GRANBY	6,240	\$19,990	9,243,938	9,978,380	734,442	107.9	8,574,245	116.4	9,233,514	9,648,253	-3.3	414,739	104.5	8,273,053	116.6
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74	DEERFIELD	5,125	\$22,620	3,762,922	4,868,329	1,105,407	129.4	3,138,146	155.1	3,789,594	5,042,014	3.6	1,252,420	133.0	3,182,088	158.4
159	LONGMEADOW	15,784	\$28,192	26,558,037	35,169,656	8,611,619	132.4	24,962,248	140.9	26,111,040	37,001,177	5.2	10,890,137	141.7	24,849,641	148.9
670	FRONTIER	Regional	Regional	7,492,455	9,897,657	2,405,202	132.1	5,648,702	175.2	7,508,734	10,413,649	5.2	2,904,915	138.7	5,716,411	182.2
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					spending	spending	required	required	budget	foundation	spending	spending	FY15	required	required	budget
43	BRIMFIELD	3,609	\$18,794	\$16.42	2,647,286	3,569,443	922,157	134.8	2,589,280	137.9	2,697,781	3,581,834	0.3	884,053	132.8	2,557,047
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111	GRANBY	6,240	\$19,990	\$16.78	9,243,938	9,978,380	734,442	107.9	8,574,245	116.4	9,233,514	9,648,253	-3.3	414,739	104.5	8,273,053
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86	EASTHAMPTON	16,053	\$19,541	\$14.86	18,643,951	19,427,603	783,652	104.2	17,991,276	108.0	19,076,016	19,888,333	2.4	812,317	104.3	17,813,516
114	GREENFIELD	17,456	\$15,296	\$20.53	21,764,586	24,622,253	2,857,667	113.1	21,688,417	113.5	21,745,551	25,042,166	1.7	3,296,615	115.2	21,246,904
161	LUDLOW	21,103	\$18,452	\$17.22	28,047,405	32,286,034	4,238,629	115.1	27,755,976	116.3	28,303,034	33,836,046	4.8	5,533,012	119.5	27,236,634
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95	FALL RIVER	88,857	\$12,121	\$12.58	122,984,522	119,453,840	-3,530,682	97.1	122,984,522	97.1	129,885,335	127,225,042	6.5	-2,660,293	98.0	126,851,512
670	FRONTIER	Regional	Regional	Regional	7,492,455	9,897,657	2,405,202	132.1	5,648,702	175.2	7,508,734	10,413,649	5.2	2,904,915	138.7	5,716,411
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753	QUABBIN	Regional	Regional	Regional	26,080,661	28,019,743	1,939,082	107.4	22,333,577	125.5	26,228,214	28,838,193	2.9	2,609,979	110.0	21,722,178

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				required	actual	amt over	actual		actual nss	required	budgeted	% chg	amt over	budgeted		budgeted			
LEA	district name	Population 2010	Per Capita ²	net school	net school	or under	as pct of	foundation	as pct of	net school	net school	FY14 to	or under	as pct of	foundation	nss as % of			
		Census ¹		spending	spending	required	required	budget	foundation	spending	spending	FY15	required	required	budget	foundation	0		
43	BRIMFIELD	3,609	\$18,794	2,647,286	3,569,443	922,157	134.8	2,589,280	137.9	2,697,781	3,581,834	0.3	884,053	132.8	2,557,047	140.1	26.0		
74	DEERFIELD	5,125	\$22,620	3,762,922	4,868,329	1,105,407	129.4	3,138,146	155.1	3,789,594	5,042,014	3.6	1,252,420	133.0	3,182,088	158.4	30.0		
117	HADLEY	5,250	\$21,164	6,487,576	7,172,125	684,549	110.6	6,128,452	117.0	6,290,105	8,443,305	17.7	2,153,200	134.2	5,981,188	141.2	37.0		
670	FRONTIER	Regional	Regional	7,492,455	9,897,657	2,405,202	132.1	5,648,702	175.2	7,508,734	10,413,649	5.2	2,904,915	138.7	5,716,411	182.2	65.0		
111	GRANBY	6,240	\$19,990	9,243,938	9,978,380	734,442	107.9	8,574,245	116.4	9,233,514	9,648,253	-3.3	414,739	104.5	8,273,053	116.6	75.0		
860	PATHFINDER	Regional	Regional	9,299,416	11,015,002	1,715,586	118.4	9,290,876	118.6	9,245,583	11,469,889	4.1	2,224,306	124.1	8,740,342	131.2	76.0		
191	MONSON	8,560	\$19,832	12,740,430	13,254,121	513,691	104.0	11,640,741	113.9	12,888,284	13,254,136	0.0	365,852	102.8	11,227,560	118.1	99.0		
309	WARE	9,872	\$15,470	14,836,587	14,461,103	-375,484	97.5	14,182,968	102.0	14,687,261	14,717,320	1.8	30,059	100.2	14,311,777	102.8	116.0		
227	PALMER	12,140	\$17,347	18,269,486	17,309,523	-959,963	94.7	16,198,576	106.9	18,443,864	17,721,412	2.4	-722,452	96.1	15,478,309	114.5	135.0		
86	EASTHAMPTON	16,053	\$19,541	18,643,951	19,427,603	783,652	104.2	17,991,276	108.0	19,076,016	19,888,333	2.4	812,317	104.3	17,813,516	111.6	141.0		
114	GREENFIELD	17,456	\$15,296	21,764,586	24,622,253	2,857,667	113.1	21,688,417	113.5	21,745,551	25,042,166	1.7	3,296,615	115.2	21,246,904	117.9	167.0		
24	BELCHERTOWN	14,649	\$19,783	24,248,803	26,164,678	1,915,875	107.9	23,833,925	109.8	24,610,522	26,900,870	2.8	2,290,348	109.3	23,327,152	115.3	184.0		
753	QUABBIN	Regional	Regional	26,080,661	28,019,743	1,939,082	107.4	22,333,577	125.5	26,228,214	28,838,193	2.9	2,609,979	110.0	21,722,178	132.8	191.0		
159	LONGMEADOW	15,784	\$28,192	26,558,037	35,169,656	8,611,619	132.4	24,962,248	140.9	26,111,040	37,001,177	5.2	10,890,137	141.7	24,849,641	148.9	195.0		
161	LUDLOW	21,103	\$18,452	28,047,405	32,286,034	4,238,629	115.1	27,755,976	116.3	28,303,034	33,836,046	4.8	5,533,012	119.5	27,236,634	124.2	204.0		
137	HOLYOKE	39,880	\$11,845	79,084,666	80,384,902	1,300,236	101.6	78,916,203	101.9	79,477,472	80,402,366	0.0	924,894	101.2	78,698,903	102.2	290.0		
61	CHICOPEE	55,298	\$16,608	85,269,685	87,825,772	2,556,087	103.0	85,269,685	103.0	86,339,875	88,614,349	0.9	2,274,474	102.6	86,339,875	102.6	296.0		
95	FALL RIVER	88,857	\$12,121	122,984,522	119,453,840	-3,530,682	97.1	122,984,522	97.1	129,885,335	127,225,042	6.5	-2,660,293	98.0	126,851,512	100.3	300.0		

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LEA	district name	Population 2010	Per Capita ²	required	actual	amt over	actual		actual nss	required	budgeted	% chg	amt over	budgeted		budgeted
				net school	net school	or under	as pct of	foundation	as pct of	net school	net school	FY14 to	or under	as pct of	foundation	nss as % of
		Census ¹		spending	spending	required	required	budget	foundation	spending	spending	FY15	required	required	budget	foundation
95	FALL RIVER	88,857	\$12,121	122,984,522	119,453,840	-3,530,682	97.1	122,984,522	97.1	129,885,335	127,225,042	6.5	-2,660,293	98.0	126,851,512	100.3
227	PALMER	12,140	\$17,347	18,269,486	17,309,523	-959,963	94.7	16,198,576	106.9	18,443,864	17,721,412	2.4	-722,452	96.1	15,478,309	114.5
309	WARE	9,872	\$15,470	14,836,587	14,461,103	-375,484	97.5	14,182,968	102.0	14,687,261	14,717,320	1.8	30,059	100.2	14,311,777	102.8
191	MONSON	8,560	\$19,832	12,740,430	13,254,121	513,691	104.0	11,640,741	113.9	12,888,284	13,254,136	0.0	365,852	102.8	11,227,560	118.1
117	HADLEY	5,250	\$21,164	6,487,576	7,172,125	684,549	110.6	6,128,452	117.0	6,290,105	8,443,305	17.7	2,153,200	134.2	5,981,188	141.2
111	GRANBY	6,240	\$19,990	9,243,938	9,978,380	734,442	107.9	8,574,245	116.4	9,233,514	9,648,253	-3.3	414,739	104.5	8,273,053	116.6
86	EASTHAMPTON	16,053	\$19,541	18,643,951	19,427,603	783,652	104.2	17,991,276	108.0	19,076,016	19,888,333	2.4	812,317	104.3	17,813,516	111.6
43	BRIMFIELD	3,609	\$18,794	2,647,286	3,569,443	922,157	134.8	2,589,280	137.9	2,697,781	3,581,834	0.3	884,053	132.8	2,557,047	140.1
74	DEERFIELD	5,125	\$22,620	3,762,922	4,868,329	1,105,407	129.4	3,138,146	155.1	3,789,594	5,042,014	3.6	1,252,420	133.0	3,182,088	158.4
137	HOLYOKE	39,880	\$11,845	79,084,666	80,384,902	1,300,236	101.6	78,916,203	101.9	79,477,472	80,402,366	0.0	924,894	101.2	78,698,903	102.2
860	PATHFINDER	Regional	Regional	9,299,416	11,015,002	1,715,586	118.4	9,290,876	118.6	9,245,583	11,469,889	4.1	2,224,306	124.1	8,740,342	131.2
24	BELCHERTOWN	14,649	\$19,783	24,248,803	26,164,678	1,915,875	107.9	23,833,925	109.8	24,610,522	26,900,870	2.8	2,290,348	109.3	23,327,152	115.3
753	QUABBIN	Regional	Regional	26,080,661	28,019,743	1,939,082	107.4	22,333,577	125.5	26,228,214	28,838,193	2.9	2,609,979	110.0	21,722,178	132.8
670	FRONTIER	Regional	Regional	7,492,455	9,897,657	2,405,202	132.1	5,648,702	175.2	7,508,734	10,413,649	5.2	2,904,915	138.7	5,716,411	182.2
61	CHICOPEE	55,298	\$16,608	85,269,685	87,825,772	2,556,087	103.0	85,269,685	103.0	86,339,875	88,614,349	0.9	2,274,474	102.6	86,339,875	102.6
114	GREENFIELD	17,456	\$15,296	21,764,586	24,622,253	2,857,667	113.1	21,688,417	113.5	21,745,551	25,042,166	1.7	3,296,615	115.2	21,246,904	117.9
161	LUDLOW	21,103	\$18,452	28,047,405	32,286,034	4,238,629	115.1	27,755,976	116.3	28,303,034	33,836,046	4.8	5,533,012	119.5	27,236,634	124.2
159	LONGMEADOW	15,784	\$28,192	26,558,037	35,169,656	8,611,619	132.4	24,962,248	140.9	26,111,040	37,001,177	5.2	10,890,137	141.7	24,849,641	148.9

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		Census ¹														
43	BRIMFIELD	3,609	\$18,794	2,647,286	3,569,443	922,157	134.8	2,589,280	137.9	2,697,781	3,581,834	0.3	884,053	132.8	2,557,047	140.1
74	DEERFIELD	5,125	\$22,620	3,762,922	4,868,329	1,105,407	129.4	3,138,146	155.1	3,789,594	5,042,014	3.6	1,252,420	133.0	3,182,088	158.4
670	FRONTIER	Regional	Regional	7,492,455	9,897,657	2,405,202	132.1	5,648,702	175.2	7,508,734	10,413,649	5.2	2,904,915	138.7	5,716,411	182.2
117	HADLEY	5,250	\$21,164	6,487,576	7,172,125	684,549	110.6	6,128,452	117.0	6,290,105	8,443,305	17.7	2,153,200	134.2	5,981,188	141.2
111	GRANBY	6,240	\$19,990	9,243,938	9,978,380	734,442	107.9	8,574,245	116.4	9,233,514	9,648,253	-3.3	414,739	104.5	8,273,053	116.6
860	PATHFINDER	Regional	Regional	9,299,416	11,015,002	1,715,586	118.4	9,290,876	118.6	9,245,583	11,469,889	4.1	2,224,306	124.1	8,740,342	131.2
191	MONSON	8,560	\$19,832	12,740,430	13,254,121	513,691	104.0	11,640,741	113.9	12,888,284	13,254,136	0.0	365,852	102.8	11,227,560	118.1
309	WARE	9,872	\$15,470	14,836,587	14,461,103	-375,484	97.5	14,182,968	102.0	14,687,261	14,717,320	1.8	30,059	100.2	14,311,777	102.8
227	PALMER	12,140	\$17,347	18,269,486	17,309,523	-959,963	94.7	16,198,576	106.9	18,443,864	17,721,412	2.4	-722,452	96.1	15,478,309	114.5
86	EASTHAMPTON	16,053	\$19,541	18,643,951	19,427,603	783,652	104.2	17,991,276	108.0	19,076,016	19,888,333	2.4	812,317	104.3	17,813,516	111.6
114	GREENFIELD	17,456	\$15,296	21,764,586	24,622,253	2,857,667	113.1	21,688,417	113.5	21,745,551	25,042,166	1.7	3,296,615	115.2	21,246,904	117.9
753	QUABBIN	Regional	Regional	26,080,661	28,019,743	1,939,082	107.4	22,333,577	125.5	26,228,214	28,838,193	2.9	2,609,979	110.0	21,722,178	132.8
24	BELCHERTOWN	14,649	\$19,783	24,248,803	26,164,678	1,915,875	107.9	23,833,925	109.8	24,610,522	26,900,870	2.8	2,290,348	109.3	23,327,152	115.3
159	LONGMEADOW	15,784	\$28,192	26,558,037	35,169,656	8,611,619	132.4	24,962,248	140.9	26,111,040	37,001,177	5.2	10,890,137	141.7	24,849,641	148.9
161	LUDLOW	21,103	\$18,452	28,047,405	32,286,034	4,238,629	115.1	27,755,976	116.3	28,303,034	33,836,046	4.8	5,533,012	119.5	27,236,634	124.2
137	HOLYOKE	39,880	\$11,845	79,084,666	80,384,902	1,300,236	101.6	78,916,203	101.9	79,477,472	80,402,366	0.0	924,894	101.2	78,698,903	102.2
61	CHICOPEE	55,298	\$16,608	85,269,685	87,825,772	2,556,087	103.0	85,269,685	103.0	86,339,875	88,614,349	0.9	2,274,474	102.6	86,339,875	102.6
95	FALL RIVER	88,857	\$12,121	122,984,522	119,453,840	-3,530,682	97.1	122,984,522	97.1	129,885,335	127,225,042	6.5	-2,660,293	98.0	126,851,512	100.3

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		Census ¹																																
95	FALL RIVER	88,857	\$12,121	122,984,522	119,453,840	-3,530,682	97.1	122,984,522	97.1	129,885,335	127,225,042	6.5	-2,660,293	98.0	126,851,512	100.3																		
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309	WARE	9,872	\$15,470	14,836,587	14,461,103	-375,484	97.5	14,182,968	102.0	14,687,261	14,717,320	1.8	30,059	100.2	14,311,777	102.8																		
61	CHICOPEE	55,298	\$16,608	85,269,685	87,825,772	2,556,087	103.0	85,269,685	103.0	86,339,875	88,614,349	0.9	2,274,474	102.6	86,339,875	102.6																		
227	PALMER	12,140	\$17,347	18,269,486	17,309,523	-959,963	94.7	16,198,576	106.9	18,443,864	17,721,412	2.4	-722,452	96.1	15,478,309	114.5																		
86	EASTHAMPTON	16,053	\$19,541	18,643,951	19,427,603	783,652	104.2	17,991,276	108.0	19,076,016	19,888,333	2.4	812,317	104.3	17,813,516	111.6																		
24	BELCHERTOWN	14,649	\$19,783	24,248,803	26,164,678	1,915,875	107.9	23,833,925	109.8	24,610,522	26,900,870	2.8	2,290,348	109.3	23,327,152	115.3																		
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191	MONSON	8,560	\$19,832	12,740,430	13,254,121	513,691	104.0	11,640,741	113.9	12,888,284	13,254,136	0.0	365,852	102.8	11,227,560	118.1																		
161	LUDLOW	21,103	\$18,452	28,047,405	32,286,034	4,238,629	115.1	27,755,976	116.3	28,303,034	33,836,046	4.8	5,533,012	119.5	27,236,634	124.2																		
111	GRANBY	6,240	\$19,990	9,243,938	9,978,380	734,442	107.9	8,574,245	116.4	9,233,514	9,648,253	-3.3	414,739	104.5	8,273,053	116.6																		
117	HADLEY	5,250	\$21,164	6,487,576	7,172,125	684,549	110.6	6,128,452	117.0	6,290,105	8,443,305	17.7	2,153,200	134.2	5,981,188	141.2																		
880	PATHFINDER	Regional	Regional	9,299,416	11,015,002	1,715,586	118.4	9,290,876	118.6	9,245,583	11,469,889	4.1	2,224,306	124.1	8,740,342	131.2																		
753	QUABBIN	Regional	Regional	26,080,661	28,019,743	1,939,082	107.4	22,333,577	125.5	26,228,214	28,838,193	2.9	2,609,979	110.0	21,722,178	132.8																		
43	BRIMFIELD	3,609	\$18,794	2,647,286	3,569,443	922,157	134.8	2,589,280	137.9	2,697,781	3,581,834	0.3	884,053	132.8	2,557,047	140.1																		
159	LONGMEADOW	15,784	\$28,192	26,558,037	35,169,656	8,611,619	132.4	24,962,248	140.9	26,111,040	37,001,177	5.2	10,890,137	141.7	24,849,641	148.9																		
74	DEERFIELD	5,125	\$22,620	3,762,922	4,868,329	1,105,407	129.4	3,138,146	155.1	3,789,594	5,042,014	3.6	1,252,420	133.0	3,182,088	158.4																		
670	FRONTIER	Regional	Regional	7,492,455	9,897,657	2,405,202	132.1	5,648,702	175.2	7,508,734	10,413,649	5.2	2,904,915	138.7	5,716,411	182.2																		

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95	FALL RIVER	88,857	\$12,121	122,984,522	119,453,840	-3,530,682	97.1	122,984,522	97.1	129,885,335	127,225,042	6.5	-2,660,293	98.0	126,851,512	100.3
227	PALMER	12,140	\$17,347	18,269,486	17,309,523	-959,963	94.7	16,198,576	106.9	18,443,864	17,721,412	2.4	-722,452	96.1	15,478,309	114.5
309	WARE	9,872	\$15,470	14,836,587	14,461,103	-375,484	97.5	14,182,968	102.0	14,687,261	14,717,320	1.8	30,059	100.2	14,311,777	102.8
191	MONSON	8,560	\$19,832	12,740,430	13,254,121	513,691	104.0	11,640,741	113.9	12,888,284	13,254,136	0.0	365,852	102.8	11,227,560	118.1
111	GRANBY	6,240	\$19,990	9,243,938	9,978,380	734,442	107.9	8,574,245	116.4	9,233,514	9,648,253	-3.3	414,739	104.5	8,273,053	116.6
86	EASTHAMPTON	16,053	\$19,541	18,643,951	19,427,603	783,652	104.2	17,991,276	108.0	19,076,016	19,888,333	2.4	812,317	104.3	17,813,516	111.6
43	BRIMFIELD	3,609	\$18,794	2,647,286	3,569,443	922,157	134.8	2,589,280	137.9	2,697,781	3,581,834	0.3	884,053	132.8	2,557,047	140.1
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117	HADLEY	5,250	\$21,164	6,487,576	7,172,125	684,549	110.6	6,128,452	117.0	6,290,105	8,443,305	17.7	2,153,200	134.2	5,981,188	141.2
860	PATHFINDER	Regional	Regional	9,299,416	11,015,002	1,715,586	118.4	9,290,876	118.6	9,245,583	11,469,889	4.1	2,224,306	124.1	8,740,342	131.2
61	CHICOPEE	55,298	\$16,608	85,269,685	87,825,772	2,556,087	103.0	85,269,685	103.0	86,339,875	88,614,349	0.9	2,274,474	102.6	86,339,875	102.6
24	BELCHERTOWN	14,649	\$19,783	24,248,803	26,164,678	1,915,875	107.9	23,833,925	109.8	24,610,522	26,900,870	2.8	2,290,348	109.3	23,327,152	115.3
753	QUABBIN	Regional	Regional	26,080,661	28,019,743	1,939,082	107.4	22,333,577	125.5	26,228,214	28,838,193	2.9	2,609,979	110.0	21,722,178	132.8
670	FRONTIER	Regional	Regional	7,492,455	9,897,657	2,405,202	132.1	5,648,702	175.2	7,508,734	10,413,649	5.2	2,904,915	138.7	5,716,411	182.2
114	GREENFIELD	17,456	\$15,296	21,764,586	24,622,253	2,857,667	113.1	21,688,417	113.5	21,745,551	25,042,166	1.7	3,296,615	115.2	21,246,904	117.9
161	LUDLOW	21,103	\$18,452	28,047,405	32,286,034	4,238,629	115.1	27,755,976	116.3	28,303,034	33,836,046	4.8	5,533,012	119.5	27,236,634	124.2
159	LONGMEADOW	15,784	\$28,192	26,558,037	35,169,656	8,611,619	132.4	24,962,248	140.9	26,111,040	37,001,177	5.2	10,890,137	141.7	24,849,641	148.9

Observations: Ware

Comparison to nearby / known towns

- One of the smaller populated / lower per-capita towns in the area
- One of the higher taxed rate towns in area

Budget (All Districts)

- Constrained by Ware's small size
 - We are not meeting 100% of Net School Spending
 - 2014 showed we fall in the top lowest of not meeting NSS
 - 2015 plan projects no significant change
- 2014 → Is in the ...
 - 116th (out 324; ~36%-38%) smallest Required NSS
 - 115th smallest Foundation budget
 - 14th smallest amount under spent of **Required NSS**
 - 10th smallest percent under spent of **Required NSS**
 - 23rd smallest percent under spent of calculated **Foundation Budget**
- 2015 (all Districts)
 - In the lowest 6% of planning to meet the NSS required

School Choice:

- The impact on Ware and other smaller schools exacerbates the above and is typically greater than larger schools

Recommendations

- **Market the school to attract students on existing offerings:**
 - Strengths, Uniqueness, Student Successes (in progress)
- **Implement an improved, needs based budget that will**
 - Retain Ware students (est'd \$7-8k per pupil impact)
 - Bring back Ware students
 - Bring in new students (est'd \$5k per pupil impact)
 - Attract new homeowners and new business
- **Seeks legislative changes in School Choice program**

Recommendations: Anticipated Impact

Potential Financial Impact *

– Resident Students

- 100% return → $\$8k \times 154 \text{ students} = \1.232mil
- 50% return → $\$8k \times 77 \text{ students} = \$616k$
- 25% return → $\$8k \times 39 \text{ students} = \$312k$

– **Non-resident students:** hypothetical est. of 50 students x $\$5k = \$225k$

– Increase in

- Taxpaying homeowners --?
- New business to serve above: --?

* Est'd 154 students choicing out a.o. 11/27/14); Does not include impact from successful school choice reform

School Choice: Potential Reform

EXISTING STAKEHOLDER ISSUES	POTENTIAL REFORM AREAS		
	Eligibility Criteria	Cost Sharing	District Budgetary Incentives / Disincentives
The Student (N/A due to unconditional school choice options)	a,b	c	n/a
The Receiving School Does not necessarily use school choice aid to support requirements (E.g., class size, course offerings, transportation)	b	d,e	f
The Sending School Is penalized unconditionally	a	c,d,e	g,h

DESCRIPTION OF REFORM AREAS

Eligibility Criteriaⁱ

- a. Sending school is underperforming
- b. Receiving school is better performing

Cost Sharingⁱⁱ

- c. Student to share in cost to decide to school choice despite eligibility criteria not being met
- d. Depending on income levels of student/family, receiving School may subsidize the student with state sponsored budgetary incentives
- e. Depending on income levels of student/family, the state may subsidize the student

District / Town Budgetary Incentives / Disincentivesⁱⁱⁱ

- f. Receiving school disincentivized if school choice funds not utilized for school choice requirements
- g. Sending school incentivized to maintain/improve better performance^{iv}
- h. Sending district / town incentivized to appropriate adequate funding to schools^{iv}

Footnotes

- i. Performance metrics to be defined and standardized*
- ii. Applies only in the case of School Choice decision while ineligible*
- iii. Develop/enhance state monitoring mechanisms*
- iv. Design state managed application process for schools to request waivers, credits*

Thank You.

Questions / Comments?