

*“People who won’t help others in trouble “because they got into trouble through their own fault” would probably not throw a lifeline to a drowning man until they learned whether or not he fell in through his own fault or not...”*

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# The Principal's Flyer

Hi All;

The extra sunlight of Daylight Savings time is a welcome addition at this time of year, although it appears as though we will need an ark again this week. Heavy rain is forecast through Wednesday, and this will set back our spring sports schedule right when it is about to get going. The Welches were happy to conclude the competitive hockey season this past weekend, as I for one am very ready to hear the ping of aluminum bats rather than the slamming of pucks against boards.

Congratulations to our Drama Company for their strong performance in this year's **Massachusetts High School Drama Festival**. The FHS contingent finished a strong fourth place in the finals held this past weekend in Boston. With over 100 schools represented, this is a fantastic accomplishment. FHS also had a number of accolades including Best Actor (Pat Greeley), Best Actress (Deanna Foltz), Best Lighting Design (Sean O'Leary), and Best Musical Ensemble (Emily Grove, Emily Piaz, Hannah Cohen, Brad Avery, Hannah Radner, MacKenzie Shay, Amy Fintonis, and Olivia Wiles). I have enjoyed watching their production of *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*, and look forward to the spring musical in May. Good job!

**Last week's budget news** certainly was a sobering reminder of how challenging the funding of municipal services has become. The cuts needed for the Framingham schools to reach last year's funding level of \$89.9 Million are significant, and those cuts will dramatically change the experience for kids in the schools. The initial list of cuts will require the reduction of 49 FTE ("full time equivalent) of positions. Virtually every segment of the school department will be impacted, and the transportation of students will change dramatically. The proposal for transportation changes would mean that only students living 2.0 miles or farther from their designated school will receive bus rides to school. This change would save 10 buses and also 10 bus drivers. This combination would yield \$500,000 in savings. This initial level of cuts will also completely eliminate instrumental music instruction at all elementary schools (band), and eliminate French as a World Language option at all middle schools.

The problem, however, is much more difficult when the **town CFO's projected allocation of \$85.6 Million** is considered. To reach this level of funding will require fundamental changes in the way the school system is run, with the initial ideas of merging our three middle schools into two and eliminating all athletics and the SAGE Gifted and Talented program real possibilities. Even with those radical changes, the district would still be some 42 additional positions short of the town's target funding level. I am certain that FHS would be subjected to more than the 2.0 teaching FTE suggested thus far. How dramatic an impact this level of funding would have has yet to be outlined.

Superintendent Steve Hiersche briefed the school committee on the realities of the budget last Thursday night, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The specific cuts to reach this year's level of funding (\$89.9 Million) are included in the statistics section below. The school committee will continue their deliberations next week, with an eventual goal of

coming up with an agreement on what they will submit to town meeting in May. As always, I will do my best to keep everyone informed as these deliberations proceed.

The end of the third marking term is upon us this week. That leaves only two weeks after before the April vacation, and only eight weeks of classes until the end of the year. For seniors, after April vacation there will only be about five weeks left, and that will go by VERY quickly. Please keep this in mind and keep the 12<sup>th</sup> grade office informed of students progress down the stretch. As happens every year, whether or not some students graduate will come down to the wire and good communication will be a key component in making everyone aware and on the same page. Thank you for your help with this.

**Remember to scroll down for the weekly calendar!**

# Statistic Of The Week

## FY2011 BUDGET

### Potential Reductions from Level Services Budget

School Committee Meeting March 25, 2010

FY2010 Total Allocation \$89,934,800  
 Projected FY2011 Level Services Budget \$95,990,582 (6.73% increase over FY10)

ITEM	FTE	Savings	Cum Savings	Budget
				\$95,990,582
Level Service Increase elimination		\$1,835,346	\$1,835,346	\$94,155,236
FY10 Reductions Forward		\$450,000	\$2,285,346	\$93,705,236
Additional Revenue from Revolving		\$494,207	\$2,779,553	\$93,211,029
Breakage (Retirement Savings)		\$370,954	\$3,150,507	\$92,840,075
<b>Sub Total Page 1 Reductions (Below)</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>\$2,115,607</b>	<b>\$5,266,114</b>	<b>\$90,724,468</b>
<b>Sub Total Page 2 Reductions (Below)</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>\$789,668</b>	<b>\$6,055,782</b>	<b>\$89,934,800</b>
Consolidate to 2 MS	?	\$1,000,000	\$7,055,782	\$88,934,800
Eliminate Athletics		\$620,000	\$7,675,782	\$88,314,800
After School Programming MS		\$130,029	\$7,805,811	\$88,184,771
After School Programming HS		\$109,000	\$7,914,811	\$88,075,771
SAGE	4.0	\$318,000	\$8,232,811	\$87,757,771
"Other positions"	42.0	\$2,105,079	\$10,337,890	\$85,652,692
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>95.5</b>			

Level Service 3/2/2010 \$95,990,582

Level Funding \$89,934,800

Page 1 Reduction Items	FTE	Savings
District Wide Classroom Aides	4.0	\$72,000
Director of Equity and Achievement	1.0	\$81,002
Director of Partners in Education	0.5	\$24,088
McKinny-Vento Coordinator	0.5	\$43,070
District Secretaries	3.5	\$131,473
SPED Leadership	1.0	\$109,277
Maintenance positions (Building & Grounds)	1.0	\$51,251
Nurse	1.0	\$74,281
District Technology Position	0.5	\$50,000
Psychologist	1.0	\$80,990
K-8 Curriculum Resource Position	1.0	\$88,625
District Secretary	1.0	\$34,000
High School Athletic Trainer	1.0	\$35,000
High School Secretary	1.0	\$43,405
Middle School Science Teacher	1.0	\$84,369
Middle School Music Department Head	0.5	\$43,247
Middle School Literacy Specialist	2.0	\$138,042
Middle School ELL Position	1.0	\$82,790
Elementary School Instrumental Music Teachers	3.0	\$116,351
Elementary School Classroom Teachers	2.0	\$149,156
Change from Elementary Reading Recovery	1.0	\$83,190
Transportation at 2 miles	10.0	\$500,000
<b>Sub-Total 1</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>\$2,115,607</b>

**Page 2 Reduction Items**

	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Savings</b>
District Secretaries	2.0	\$40,000
High School Teachers	2.0	\$105,897
Middle School Vice Principal	1.0	\$106,243
Middle School World Language Teachers	3.0	\$186,561
Middle School Student Resource Center	2.0	\$101,285
Reduce Elementary School Social Workers To Part Time	?	\$100,682
Technology Reduction	0.5	\$44,000
District ELL Leadership	1.0	\$55,000
Transportation Office	1.0	\$50,000
<b>Sub-Total 2</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>\$789,668</b>

**Page 1 and Page 2 reductions needed to reach “level funding” from FY10 (\$89,934,800).**

**The town CFO has committed only \$85,652,692 to the schools for FY11.**

# Calendar Of Events

Listed are all school-wide calendar and home athletic events.

Remember to Check the FHS Web Site at: [www.framingham.k12.ma.us/fhs/](http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/fhs/)  
For All Other Athletic Event Days & Times Visit: [www.framinghamflyers.com](http://www.framinghamflyers.com)

## This Week:

### Monday, 3/29/10 Day 6 - DABEG

Spring Athletics Captains' Picture @2:15 PM  
Varsity Softball vs. Weston @3:30 PM  
RFL Parent Meeting @6:00 PM  
*High School Quiz Show* on WGBH @7:30 PM

### Tuesday, 3/30/10 Day 7 - CBGFE

DH Meeting @1:00 PM  
Boys Varsity Volleyball vs. Natick @4:00 PM  
Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Bishop Guertin @4:30 PM  
Boys JV Volleyball vs. Natick @5:15 PM  
Bullying Workshop @Walsh MS @7:00 PM

### Wednesday, 3/31/10 Day 1 - ABCD

PM Collaboration  
Dismissal @1:00 PM  
Boys and Girls Track vs. Dedham @4:00 PM  
Mr. FHS @7:00 PM

### Thursday, 4/1/10 Day 2 - CADGF

LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR TERM 3  
Principal's Meeting 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Londonderry NH @4 PM

### Friday, 4/2/10 NO SCHOOL – GOOD FRIDAY

### Saturday, 4/3/10

Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. John Jay HS @10:00 AM

## Next Week:

### Monday, 4/5/10 Day 3 - BAIEFG

New Teacher Meeting @2:00 PM  
Varsity Baseball vs. Ashland HS @3:30 PM  
Girls Frosh Softball vs. Newton North @3:45 PM  
Boys Frosh Baseball vs. Newton North @3:45 PM  
Girls Frosh Lacrosse vs. Newton North @4:00 PM  
PTBO Meeting @7:00 PM  
*High School Quiz Show* on WGBH @7:30 PM

### Tuesday, 4/6/10 Day 4 - ACDEF

Grades due for Term 3 @2:00 PM  
Verifications on e-mail by 4:00 PM  
Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Newton North @4:00 PM  
Boys JV Lacrosse vs. Newton North @4:00 PM

### Wednesday, 4/7/10 Day 5 - BDCGF

Boys Tennis vs. Newton North @3:45 PM  
Boys Frosh Lacrosse vs. Natick @4:00 PM  
RFL Board of Directors Meeting @6:00 PM  
Dresses For A Cure event @FHS 6:30 – 9:00 PM  
T.E.C. College Fair @Westwood HS 7-9:00 PM

### Thursday, 4/8/10 Day 6 - DABEG

Deadline for grade changes @8:00 AM  
Varsity & JV Baseball vs. Needham @3:45 PM  
Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Wellesley @4:00 PM  
Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Wellesley @5:30 PM  
School Council Meeting @7:00 PM

### Friday, 4/9/10 Day 7 - CBGFE

Term 3 Report Cards distributed in HR  
Report cards e-mailed home by 4:00 PM  
Girls Frosh Lacrosse vs. Weymouth @3:45 PM  
Girls Tennis vs. Wellesley @3:45 PM  
Boys Varsity Volleyball vs. Norwood @4:00 PM  
Boys JV Volleyball vs. Norwood @5:30 PM

### Saturday, 4/10/10

Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Medford @10:00 AM