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MEMORANDUM

TO: Hopkinton School Board
FROM: Steven M. Chamberlin, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: December 5 School Board Questions
DATE: December 13, 2017

1. *The Facility Project – Tax Impact Worksheet – Town Valuation*
Mr. Cass suggested that \$619M be used as the valuation for the tax impact simulations for the tax impact worksheet. The current valuation is \$617,920,647. The spreadsheet was updated including the new valuation. The only change was the \$22M project tax value increased by a penny to \$2.46. The other values did not change.
2. *The table below shows the current average class size for the secondary areas in which increases have been requested.*

	Area	17 – 18 Avg.	Increase Req.	Notes
1.	English	17.2	0.4 FTE	Eng. 9 + 4: →22.75 → 18.2 Eng. 11+13: →19.25 → 15.4
2.	Science	17.7	0.4 FTE	+ 23 feeding into ... General Physics General Chemistry
3.	Social Studies	16.9	0.2 FTE	91 → 19.25 → 15.4
4.	World Language	16.2	0.2 FTE	French 3: 30 → 15
5.	Math	16.7	0	Reallocation
6.	Unified Arts (Wood Technology)		0	Reallocation

3. Does the current budget support a possible increase in enrollment?

2018 - 2019 Projected Enrollment and Number of Sections

School	k	1	2	3
HMS	63/4	65/4	73/4	65/3

School	4	5	6
MSS	63/3	62/3	73/4

School	7	8
Middle	81/4	81/4

School	9	10	11	12
High School	91	87	77	64

Elementary

Grade three has limited capacity for growth. Grades four and five have some capacity.

Secondary

At the high school, the additional sections meet current need and provide capacity for growth.

4. Revenue Projections

There are four areas of uncertainty regarding the review projection estimates:

- a. Special Education Aid (formerly known as Catastrophic Aid): The level of this support is dependent on local expenditures and statewide reimbursement levels.
- b. Medicaid Reimbursement: Projecting Medicaid is difficult as we do not have complete information on student need and possible reimbursements.
- c. State Adequacy Education Grant: The uncertainty in this category is connected to the budget percentage. For the FY 18 budget, 100% of adequacy was budgeted. In the current revenue sheet, 95% is budgeted. One percent of adequacy aid is equal to approximately \$23K.
- d. Kindergarten Aid: The number of kindergarteners is difficult to project. Currently, the NESDEC projection of 63 students is factored in the revenue projection.