

Voted Approved 7/27/2020 (Whitman) and 7/29/2020 (Hanson)
Amendment Section 4, E of the 1991 Regional Agreement

The Whitman-Hanson Regional School Committee proposes to amend Section 4, E of the 1991 Regional Agreement from the current/existing language to the following new amended language:

Current/existing language

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E. Apportionment of Operating costs

(1) Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Pre-Kindergarten-12

Operating costs for the first fiscal year next following the establishment of the regional school district and for every year thereafter shall be apportioned to the member towns on the basis of their respective pupil enrollments in the regional school district.

Each member town's share for each fiscal year shall be determined by computing the ratio which that town's pupil enrollment in the regional district on October 1 of the year in which the apportionment is determined bears to the total pupil enrollment from all the member towns in the regional district school on the same date. In the event that enrollment in the regional district school has not been accomplished by October 1 of any year, operating costs shall be apportioned on the basis of the number of pupils in grades Pre-kindergarten through twelve residing in each member town on October 1 of that year and receiving education at such town's expense.

(2) Special operating costs include costs unique to a particular town for maintaining programs or services. These costs will be borne by the particular town

Proposed amended language

E. Apportionment of Operating costs

(1) Apportionment of Operating Costs for Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Pre-Kindergarten-12 for FY 2021

(a) The apportionment of operating costs for the 2021 fiscal year shall be determined by the sum of sections (i) and (ii) below:
 (i) Fifty percent (50%) of the operating costs for FY2021 shall be apportioned between and assessed to the member towns using the statutory method (MGL c. 70, section 6) Each member town's assessment of its share of said 50% of the operating costs for FY2021 shall be an amount calculated based on the ratio which such member town's minimum local contribution to the regional district bears to the sum of minimum local contributions of all member towns to the regional district.

(ii) Fifty percent (50%) of the operating costs for FY2021 shall be apportioned between and assessed to the member towns based on respective pupil enrollments calculated as follows: each member town's assessment of its share of said 50% of the operating costs for FY2021 shall be an amount calculated based upon computing the ratio which such members town's pupil enrollment in the regional district on October 1 of 2019 bears to the total pupil enrollment from all the member towns in the regional district school on October 1, 2019.

(2) Apportionment of Operating costs for FY 2022 and thereafter will follow the statutory methodology as defined in 603 CMR 41.00 as follows:

(a) The apportionment of operating costs to a member town will equal the the member town's Minimum Local Contribution as determined by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education (the "Commissioner") and the member town's share of any other operating costs above the Minimum Local Contributions, referred to in this section as "Above Minimum Contribution.", such share to be calculated as provided in Section E (2)(d), hereinafter.

(b) The aggregate Above Minimum Contribution for all member towns is arrived at by subtracting from the Operating Budget the following: Chapter 70 aid, the Aggregate Minimum Local Contributions of all member towns, and other general revenue sources to the District.

(c) This formula is illustrated below:

Operating Budget (which excludes capital, debt, and transportation)
 - (minus) Chapter 70 aid (as calculated by DESE)
 - (minus) Aggregate Minimum Local Contributions

of all member towns (as calculated by DESE)
 - (minus) Other general revenue sources to the
 District
 = (equals) Aggregate Above Minimum Contribution for all
 member towns

(d) Each member town's proportionate share of the Aggregate Above Minimum Contribution for all member towns shall be determined based on the ratio that pupil enrollment in grades Pre-kindergarten through twelve residing in such member town, including out-of-district pupils, bears to pupil enrollment in grades Pre-kindergarten through twelve residing in all member towns in the District, including out-of-district pupils, on October 1 of the preceding fiscal year for which the apportionment will be assessed (the "Enrollment Formula").

(e) The total operating costs assessed to each member town will consist of the member town's Minimum Local Contribution and the town's share of Above Minimum Local Contribution calculated under the Enrollment Formula.

- (3) Special operating costs include costs unique to a particular town for maintaining programs or services. These costs will be borne by the particular member town.