



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION NO.: 16-54

APPROPRIATION: FY 17 School Budget

TOTAL REQUESTED: \$162,350

PURPOSE: To Raise and Appropriate \$162,350 for the FY 2017 School Department Budget.

MOTION

Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of One Hundred Sixty-two Thousand, Three hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$162,350) be Raised and appropriated to the FY 2017 School Budget.

DATED: _____, 2016

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS _____

A True Record Attest:

YES _____ **NO** _____

Teresa M. Burr
Town Clerk

ABSTAIN _____

ABSENT _____

Judith Pond Pfeffer, Clerk
Franklin Town Council

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR



MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 13, 2016
TO: Town Council
FROM: Jeffrey D. Nutting, Town Administrator
RE: Funding for Kindergarten

The Final FY 17 State Budget eliminated the funding for Full Day Kindergarten which reduces the Franklin schools funding by \$162,350. This was done in the latter stages of the state budget process so we did not have any knowledge of the cut until after the Town Council adopted the Budget.

The Schools have requested that the Town restore the funding with the additional state aide that was included in the Final FY 17 State budget which will cover this request. I recommend we raise and appropriate the requested amount so the school can continue the program.

I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

CC: Susan Gagner, Town Comptroller
Maureen Sabolinski, Superintendent of Schools

**Franklin Public Schools
355 Central Street
Franklin, MA 02038
Phone (508) 553-4825**

To: Jeff Nutting, Town Administrator
Maureen Sabolinski, Ed.D., Superintendent

From: Miriam A. Goodman, School Business Administrator

Date: September 9, 2016

Re: Quality Full Day Kindergarten Grant

As you are aware, the Quality Full Day Kindergarten Grant has not been funded this fiscal year. The grant amount anticipated was \$162,350 and funding was to be used to support 5.5 FTE Educational Assistant positions and related costs for health benefits. These educational assistants provided additional support in the classroom for some of our youngest students and are vital to maintaining the integrity of our kindergarten programming and inclusive practices.

You may recall that Franklin was one of the first communities in the state to receive this funding for full day kindergarten and have developed a model program for the state. Since its inception in 1999, Franklin has been awarded millions of dollars in grant funding to support this model full day kindergarten program. As we would like to continue to support this program, we would respectfully request that the Finance Committee and the Town Council approve the additional appropriation of \$162,350 in order to maintain these positions. We did not anticipate the elimination of this grant during the FY 17 budget cycle. When we begin the FY 18 budget process we will make adjustments to the budget to accommodate for the loss of this grant.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.