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A Message from Kristine



Hello, my name is Kristine Bingham and I am the School's Finance and Human Resources Director. I have worked at SSCPS for 19 years and have had the opportunity to assist the School in moving from our original locations in Hull to here in Norwell. Along the way,

How is the School funded?

For each child that SSCPS enrolls, the School receives a tuition amount from the state equal to a per-pupil amount calculated by the Department of Education's school finance office. The tuition amount varies from district to district. Like other public schools, Commonwealth charter schools are eligible to receive federal and state grants. Our supporting foundation, the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. (SSCEF) provides an annual unrestricted operating grant in the amount of \$75,000 to help offset the cost of instructional programming and \$3,000 for student scholarships. SSCEF also grants the Parent Association (PA) \$5,000 annually to fund grants for field trips, student speakers, Projects/Workshops, books, materials, and other initiatives that SSCPS may not have funded in the initial operating budget.

What are the School's operating revenues?

SSCPS's FY20 Operating Budget was developed based on a projection that SSCPS would enroll a minimum of 1,000 students using an average per pupil tuition and facilities aid revenue of \$15,000 or \$15,000,000 in total tuition revenue which is 95% of the entire budgeted revenues. The School expects to receive \$505,400 in federal and state grants and federal programs reimbursements. This amounts to 3% of total revenues. That leaves 1% or \$175,000 in additional school program revenues and 1% or \$100,000 in private grants and SSCEF's operating grants. Total budgeted revenues are \$15,780,000.

What are the School's expenditures?

The School's FY20 budgeted operating expenses include \$12,034,902 or 76% of total expenditures in compensation and benefits, \$1,988,290 or 16% in building utilities and occupancy expenses, \$626,936 or 4% for direct instructional program materials and support, \$305,872 or 3% in general office and other costs, \$138,929 or 1% for professional development, \$485,000 for depreciation, and a \$200,000 contingency fund for a total expenditure of \$15,779,929. The School also budgeted \$510,000 in capital expenditures which included funding for a new cooling tower, parking lot repairs, masonry repairs, classroom renovations, new technology, and new furniture and equipment.

As you can see, the School is heavily dependent on our tuition and facility aid and federal and state grant revenues in order to fund School operations. The School does receive \$938 per student for facility aid. However, there is a significant gap between the amount that charter public schools receive for facilities compared to district schools. Charter schools receive \$938 per pupil while district public schools receive \$1,302 per pupil. Unlike district schools, our School has limited access to funding streams and options for financing the renovation and/or construction of school facilities. For example, charter schools do not have access to MSBA funding. Despite these challenges, we have been able to cultivate and grow our School so that more and more children on the south shore are able to join us in our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

For more detailed information about how the state calculates tuition payments for Commonwealth charter schools, visit <http://www.doe.mass.edu/charter/finance/tuition/>.

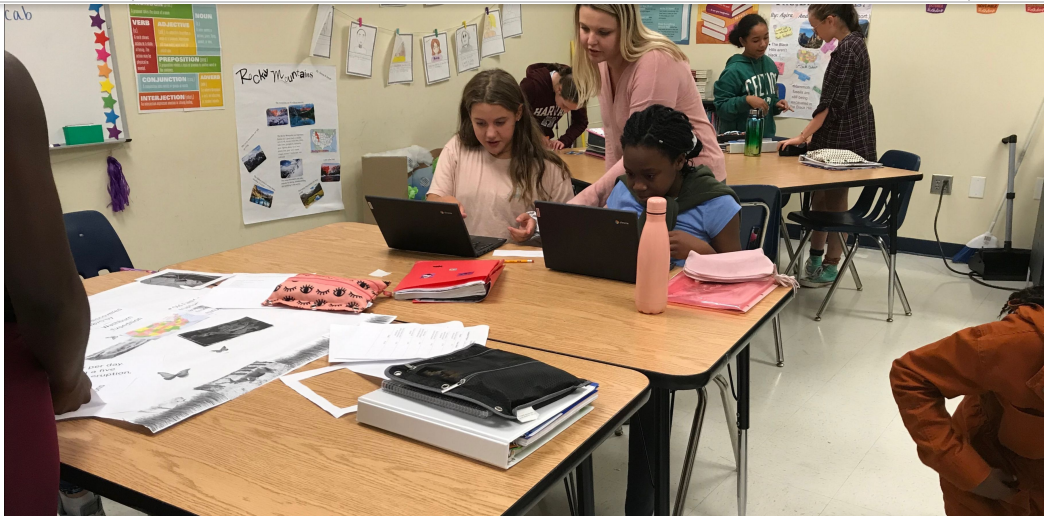
The School's budget and presentation may be found on our website [here](#) and [here](#). If you have any additional questions regarding the School's finances, please do not hesitate to call, email, or attend the next Finance Committee Meeting in October.

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Welcome Rachel Dawber

Some of you may have noticed a new face on Level III. Rachel Dawber has been teaching ELA on Level III filling in for Kate Seavey who is on maternity leave. Rachel comes to us from the John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Holbrook where she completed her student teaching. Rachel has also substitute taught for the Whitman/Hanson school district. Rachel has experience in the early elementary grades as well as grades five and six. Rachel holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Bridgewater State University where she majored in Psychology. Welcome Rachel!

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**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INC.**

The South Shore Charter Educational Foundation (SSCEF) provides financial support for students and teachers at the South Shore Charter Public School. The purpose of the Foundation is to promote excellence in teaching and learning by supporting the School's mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life by awarding grants to support SSCPS educational programs and initiatives. SSCEF is a 501(c)(3)

SSCEF was originally formed to acquire the building space for our school. Over time the Foundation has taken on the work of raising funds to support our operating budget. These dollars are used to improve academic programming, to enhance our facilities, to improve technology, to recognize and encourage staff excellence, and to expand extra curricular programs including athletics.

Over the past few years the School has made significant strides toward improving our educational landscape. We have recruited and retained outstanding faculty, acquired new facilities, renovated older facilities, and enhanced curriculum to offer students a greater variety of coursework and opportunity. Over the past five years, more students have moved off the waitlist and into our hallways and classrooms. Our student body is one of inclusion, diversity, and achievement. We feel very fortunate to have your children here every day.

Your gifts keep giving. Three fundraising efforts, the [Harvest Run](#), the Annual Auction, and the Annual Fund giving campaign, provide school-wide support of initiatives throughout the year. Giving to the Annual Fund is easy. You can use the [donation link](#) on our website or answer one of our upcoming fundraising campaigns. As part of our SSCPS family, we hope you will consider supporting the Foundation as we celebrate our 25th year of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

Thank you for your consideration and support.
The South Shore Charter Educational Foundation



11TH ANNUAL HARVEST RUN & WALK 5K

**Saturday, October 12th,
9am
Wompatuck State Park,
Visitor Center!
Ice cream truck, free
massages, music, food,
and more!**

www.sscps.org/harvestrun

*Great prizes for top
finishers!*

We Need YOU to Complete a NSLP Benefit Form!

Would you like to make a difference in your child's education? Well, here's how!

Every year, your family receives a [Free and Reduced Price Meal Application](#) with [Instructions](#). It is important to fill out this form and return it to school by *September 30, 2019* for two reasons:

1. The application lets us know if your child is eligible for free or reduced price school meals. Children from families that earn below a certain income level can receive free or reduced price lunch and breakfast at school.
2. Applications we receive by *September 30, 2019* are used to determine federal and state entitlement grant funding our school receives for additional student services and

3. School breakfast and lunch will energize your child's day and provide a healthy dose of vitamins and nutrients for a strong and healthy body. Students that eat healthy meals are more alert and learn more in class too.

The application is easy to fill out and easy to understand. Also, you do not have to worry about your information being shared with others because application information is CONFIDENTIAL. Support the SSCPS' Breakfast and Lunch Program today by completing your [application!](#)

Here are our [Food Service Program Instructions](#) which explains how to order meals at SSCPS and you can click on the appropriate [order form here](#) to order meals.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Charlene Salamone, Food Services Coordinator at 781-982-4202x156 or via email csalamone@sscps.org



The High School Mock Trial Workshop will be participating in the "Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk," in Boston on September 29, 2019. Many of the workshop members have a relationship with someone who has had the disease and they are excited to help the cause as a team!

The workshop is participating in the High School challenge, where all high schools that enter try to raise the most funds for research and patient assistance. Contributions can be made on the team dashboard. The team name is South Shore Charter Public School (Mock Trial).

To donate use the following link

[**South Shore Charter Public School Mock Trial Team**](#)

on the "Making Strides" webpage.

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Before School
**Concert
Band**

All are welcome

**EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY
7:15 TO 8:10
MUSIC ROOM 100 LONGWATER**

1 year experience recommended

If you're interested, please contact Theron Leonard : tleonard@sscps.org



A Job Well Done.

Wayne Heuer, our Facilities Manager, found a baby snapping turtle in the parking lot. Its shell was about the size of a half dollar, and he was amazed it had not already encountered a set of tires. Because it was so small, he was able to rescue it easily and drove it over to Jacobs Pond near the South Shore Science Center to release it in a much safer location. Thank you Wayne, for saving it from certain demise at dismissal.

Thursday	09/19		
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Thursday	09/19	Level I (Grades K-2) and Level II (Grades 3-4) Back-to-School Parent Night at 100	6:00-7:30pm
Saturday	09/21	Parents Association Back-to-School Picnic at 100	1:00-4:00pm
Tuesday	09/24	Level III (Grades 5-6) and Level IV (Grades 7-8) Back-to-School Parent Nights at 100	6:00-7:30pm
Tuesday	09/24	Italy Trip Meeting at 100	7:30pm
Thursday	09/26	Parents Association Meeting at 100 – Meeting Agenda	6:30pm
Save the Date:	09/29	High School Mock Trial participating in “Making Strides” Breast Cancer Walk	
	10/12	SSCEF Annual Harvest Run – Sign Up Today!	

Important Links

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- **October** [Breakfast and Lunch Menus and Order Forms](#)
- Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel
- The students traveling to Italy in April have organized [FUNDrive with Savers](#)

Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest. Please contact Pam Algera at palgera@sscps.org to submit SSCPS items for publication.

School Documents

[2019-2020 Calendar](#)

[2019 Summer Reading Book List](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

[Pick-up Procedures](#)



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