

Natick Public Schools Central Office

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FROM: Dr. Peter H. Gray

Assistant Superintendent of Finance

TO: **Natick School Committee**

SUBJECT: NPS June 30, 2021 Analysis as of October 18, 2021

As requested, please find the June 30, 2021 Analysis for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2021 as of October 18, 2021.

This analysis is unaudited at this time as the Comptroller's Office has not officially closed the books as of this date and will be subject to further analysis and potential journal entries after review by our outside audit firm, Clifton, Larson and Allen, LLP.

In FY21, we were able to pre-pay our special education out of district tuitions per Massachusetts General Law for \$2,237,704:

MGL Ch.71, Section 71D: Prepayment of tuition to private schools or program sources

A school committee of any city, town, or regional school district may authorize the prepayment of tuition for a period not exceeding three months to any approved private school or approved program source which a student is attending under the provisions of chapter seventy-one B, and the city, town or regional school district treasurer shall be required to approve and pay such monies in accordance with the authorization of the school committee.

MGL Ch.40, Section 4E: Education collaboratives

(h) A school committee of a city, town or regional school district or charter school board may authorize the prepayment of monies for an educational program or service of the education collaborative to the treasurer of an education collaborative, and the city, town or regional school district or charter school treasurer shall be required to approve and pay the monies in accordance with the authorization of such school committee or charter school board.

The attached analysis includes the prepayment of out of district SPED tuitions (\$2,237,704) leaving a balance of \$10,201 to return to the Town of Natick.

Savings occurred in our compensation lines due to various federal grants as well as savings in our substitute salary lines. The combination of these two sources allowed us to pre-pay our out of district SPED tuitions, thereby balancing our FY22 budget with the town.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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