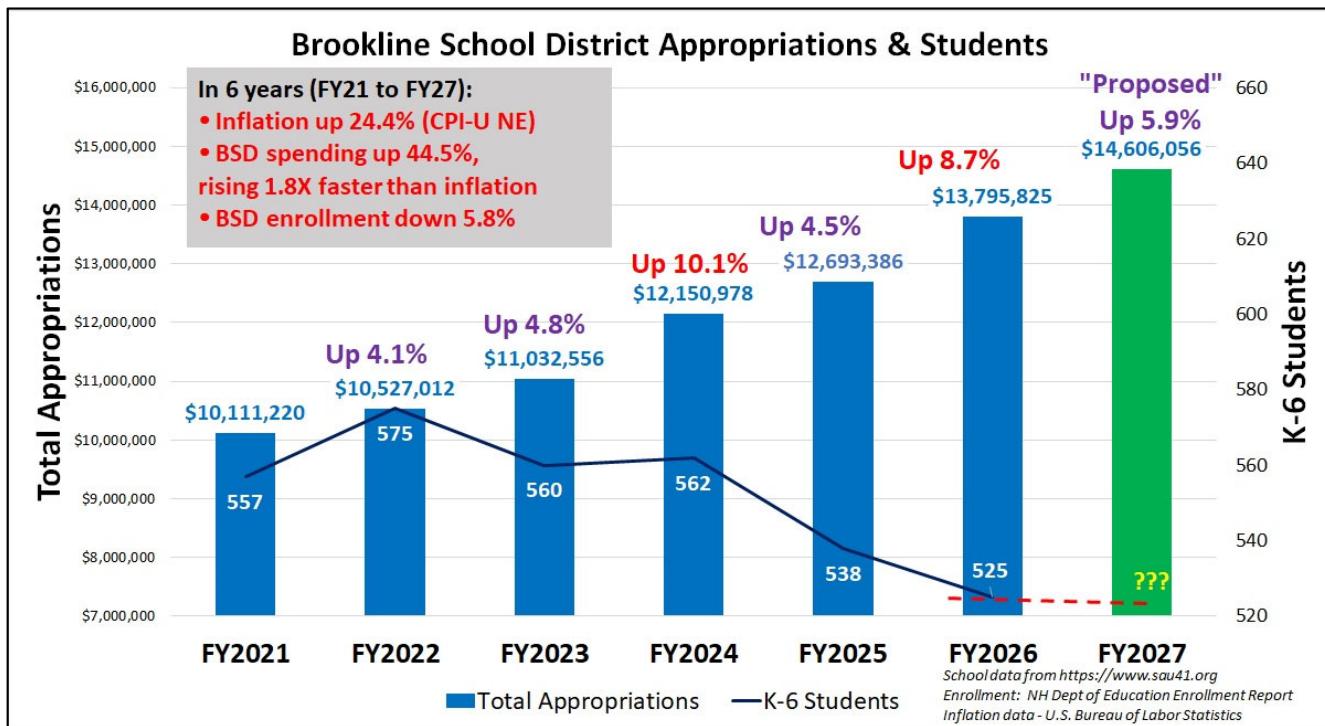


# 2026 Brookline School District Conservatives Voters Guide

6:30 pm, Wed, February 4, 2026 - Captain Samuel Douglass Academy, 24 Townsend Hill Rd

Proposed total spending increase: \$14,606,056, up \$810,231 (+5.9%), enrollment falling

Updated 2/3/2026



**Items in green: conservative action to support**  
**Items in red: conservative action to oppose**

**Article 2: SAU Budget – vote NO (article not amendable)**

• \$2,560,328 for SAU administrators, added second Assistant Superintendent in July 2025

**Article 3: Support Staff Contract – vote NO (article not amendable)**

• \$250,202 increase over 2 years; est. 6% raise year 1, 5.8% raise year 2

**Article 4: Teachers Contract (CBA) – vote NO (article not amendable)**

• \$1,173,372 increase over 3 yrs, for raises up to 27.2%; est. 7.9%

increase yr 1, 4.8% increase yr 2, 4.8% increase yr 3; +18.6% over 3 yrs

• New \$20K loan repayment, new \$1K HRA, Health 100%/90%/80% paid

• CBAs: <https://www.sau41.org/administration/human-resources/collective-bargaining>

**Article 5: Operating Budget \$13,489,065 – vote NO (article amendable)**

• Proficiency: Reading/ELA 62%; Math: 59%; Science: 39% - not good!

• Up +\$577,411 with continued declining enrollment

• **Recommend amendment** to an inflation/enrollment-adjusted budget

**Article 6: Open Enrollment – vote NO (article amendable)**

• Article to prevent Brookline students from attending other public schools and prevent students from other towns (paying tuition) coming to Brookline. Opposes school choice. No students can leave with \$\$.

**Recommend amendment** to enable Brookline students to attend other public schools.

**Article 7: Move to School Board of 7 members – vote YES (article amendable)**

• Vote YES to expand school board to 7 members (from 5 members). Reduce workload and provide for more representation on our Brookline School Board, decentralizing authority.

**Article 8: Rescind SB2 ballot voting, return to in-person meeting only – vote NO (article not amendable)**

• Vote NO so we keep our current all-day/absentee ballot voting SB2 system on all warrant articles. SB2 eliminates voter disenfranchisement and maximizes voter participation. SB2 has worked well for 10 years!

**Article 9: Return unspent funds to taxpayers to lower property taxes – vote YES (article not amendable)**

• Vote YES so that all unspent funds reduce tax effort and lower property taxes. School board can propose explicit contingency fund, capital reserve fund, or trust fund for expenses.

**Article 10: School District Budget Cap – vote YES (article amendable)**

• Limit spending to \$25,000 per student, which adjusts annually with inflation. In addition to tax cap.

**Article 11: Replace 8% tax cap to inflation/enrollment-based tax cap – vote YES (article not amendable)**

• Limit tax effort to percentage change in inflation and percentage change in student enrollment.

SAU 41 Budget History				
FY	K-12	SAU Budget	SAU/Student	Increase
FY17	2418	\$1,447,377	\$598.58	-
FY18	2386	\$1,498,630	\$628.09	4.9%
FY19	2439	\$1,602,693	\$657.11	4.6%
FY20	2425	\$1,719,314	\$709.00	7.9%
FY21	2369	\$1,813,954	\$765.70	8.0%
FY22	2372	\$1,957,257	\$825.15	7.8%
FY23	2355	\$2,107,176	\$894.77	8.4%
FY24	2348	\$2,268,374	\$966.09	8.0%
FY25	2322	\$2,434,995	\$1,048.66	8.5%
FY26	2250	\$2,447,505	\$1,087.78	3.7%
FY27	?	\$2,560,328	\$1,137.92	4.6%

Cumulative Proposed Teachers' Raises over 3 years FY26-FY29						
Step	Bachelors	B15	B30	Masters	M15	M45
4	27.2%	26.6%	26.0%	19.5%	19.0%	18.4%
5	27.0%	26.4%	25.8%	19.3%	18.7%	18.2%
6	26.7%	26.1%	25.5%	19.1%	18.5%	17.9%
7	26.5%	25.9%	25.3%	18.8%	18.3%	17.7%
8	26.3%	25.6%	25.1%	18.6%	18.1%	17.5%
9	26.0%	25.4%	24.8%	18.4%	17.8%	17.2%
10	25.8%	25.2%	24.6%	18.2%	17.6%	17.0%
11	25.5%	25.0%	24.3%	17.9%	17.4%	16.8%
12	25.3%	24.7%	24.1%	17.7%	17.1%	16.6%
13		24.4%	23.8%	17.5%	16.9%	16.3%
14			23.5%	17.2%	16.7%	16.0%
15				17.0%	16.4%	15.7%
16				16.8%	16.1%	15.4%
17				16.6%	16.0%	14.9%

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