

Hollis Republican Town Committee presents



WEBINAR

SAU 41 Achievement & District Spending

Highlights:

- Student achievement in SAU 41
- Proficiency scores & current spending
- Q&A



Speaker



Eric Pauer



Date & Time:

26 Thursday
Feb 2026

7 PM

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86942188912?pwd=6c87dqJbLhBn1FrIJT4O53sPrp6Yye.1>

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SAU 41 ACHIEVEMENT & DISTRICT SPENDING

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February 26, 2026

SAU 41 Achievement

District Spending

Eric Pauer - Background

- ▣ President, School District Governance Association of NH (SDGA-NH) <https://www.sdganh.org>
- ▣ 50 year NH resident, 31 years in Brookline, married/father of 2
- ▣ Former Hollis/Brookline Co-Op School Board Member (3 years)
- ▣ Secretary, Brookline/Mason/Greenville Republican Committee (2009-Present)
- ▣ Delegate to Republican State Convention (2nd term) for Hollis, Brookline, Mason, and Greenville (Hillsborough 45)
- ▣ Brookline Planning Board (2021-Present)
- ▣ 30+ year Engineer/Manager, B.S./M.S. in Electrical Engineering
- ▣ 30-year Air Force veteran, retired Colonel (served 1988-2018)
- ▣ Advocate for fiscal restraint and educational excellence in local government and in legislation

Student Achievement

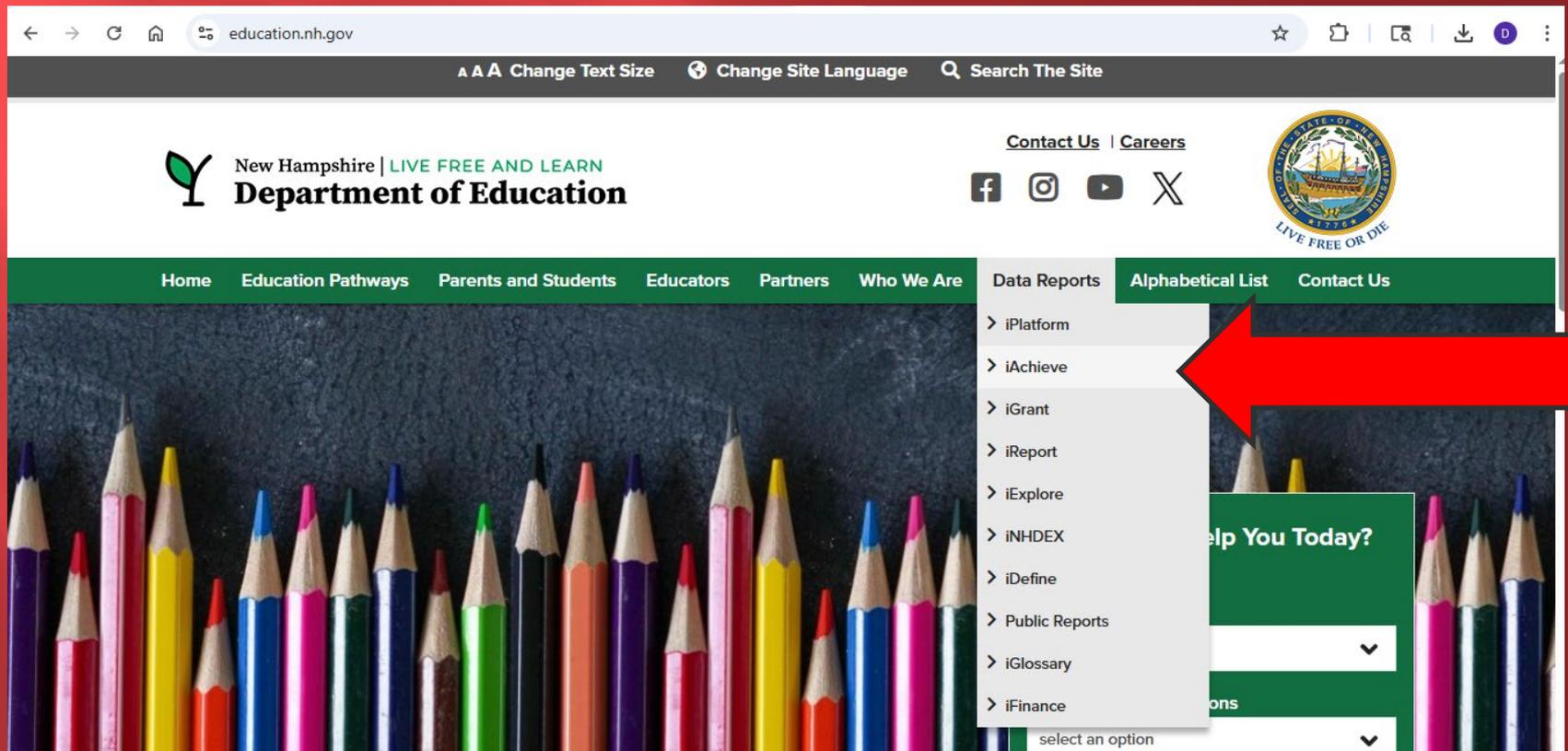
- ▣ NH New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NHSAS)
- ▣ NH SAS (standard state assessment) in Co-Op grades is conducted:
 - 7th grade – Math, Reading
 - 8th grade – Math, Reading, Science
 - 11th grade - Math, Reading, Science

Assessment Results Available

- ▣ NH Department of Education
- ▣ Makes Assessment Data available
- ▣ <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-educator-and-analytic-resources/bureau-of-education-statistics/assessment-data>
- ▣ iAchieve an is interactive site for more details on assessment, but typically only for past 3 years

iAchieve – Student Achievement

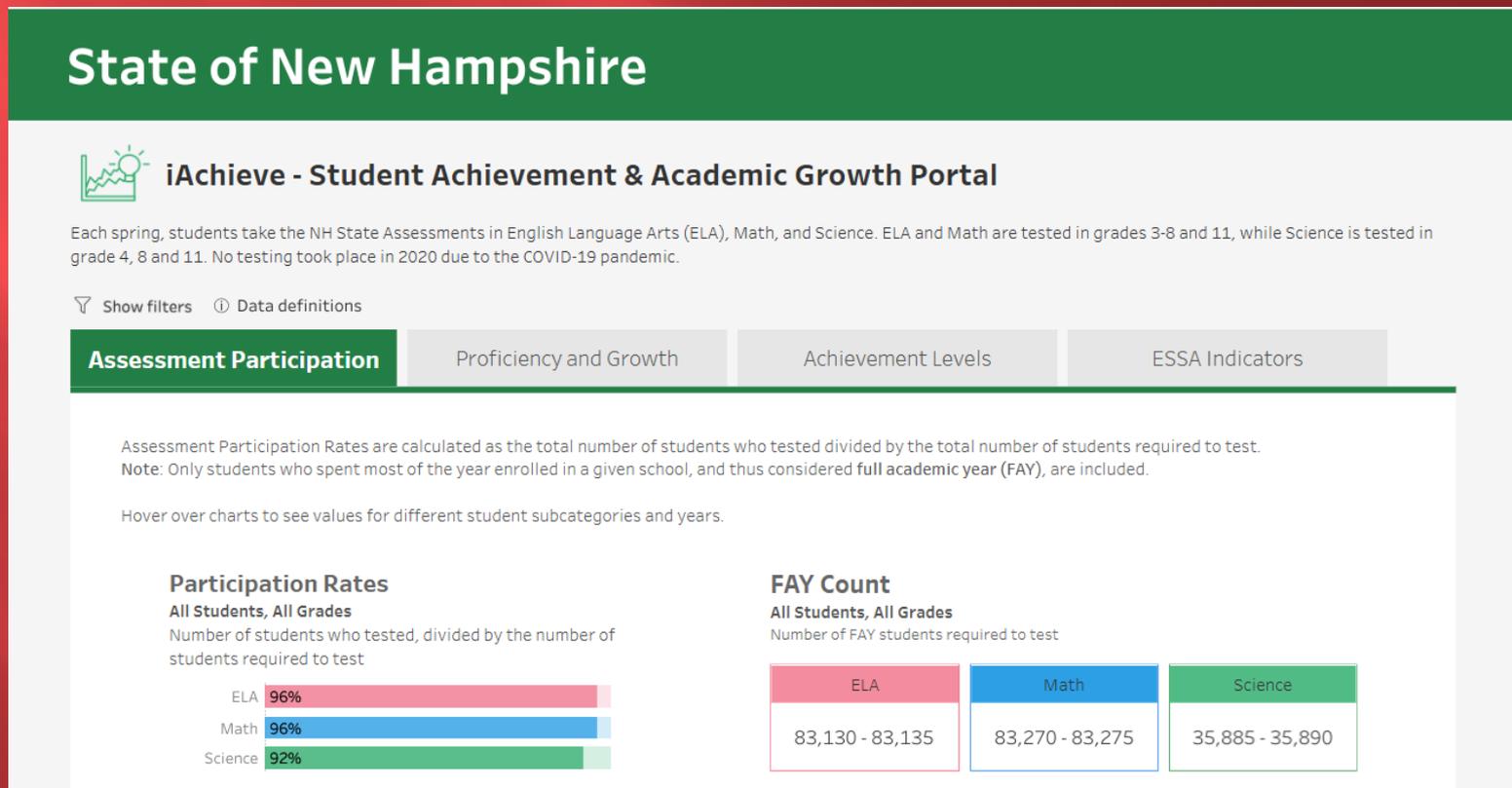
- ❑ iAchieve – Student Achievement & Academic Growth Portal
- ❑ <https://www.education.nh.gov/>
- ❑ Select Data Reports → iAchieve



The screenshot shows the website for the New Hampshire Department of Education. The header includes the logo, the text "New Hampshire | LIVE FREE AND LEARN Department of Education", and social media icons. The navigation menu is green and includes "Home", "Education Pathways", "Parents and Students", "Educators", "Partners", "Who We Are", "Data Reports", "Alphabetical List", and "Contact Us". A dropdown menu is open under "Data Reports", listing options: "iPlatform", "iAchieve", "iGrant", "iReport", "iExplore", "iNHDEX", "iDefine", "Public Reports", "iGlossary", and "iFinance". A large red arrow points to the "iAchieve" option in the dropdown menu. The background of the page features a row of colorful pencils.

Effect of Participation on Reported Proficiencies

- Federal ESSA requires that when more than 5% do not participate, that the count of students in excess of 5% are counted as below proficient in state reporting



2025 HB Co-Op Participation Rates – Below State Average

- ▣ **Reading (ELA): 91%, Math: 92%, Science: 79%**

New Hampshire Department of Education

Select Year

Search for School, District, or State

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Hollis-Brookline Cooperative District

iAchieve - Student Achievement & Academic Growth Portal

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Show filters Data definitions

Assessment Participation Proficiency and Growth Achievement Levels ESSA Indicators

Assessment Participation Rates are calculated as the total number of students who tested divided by the total number of students required to test. Note: Only students who spent most of the year enrolled in a given school, and thus considered full academic year (FAY), are included.

Hover over charts to see values for different student subcategories and years.

Participation Rates

All Students, All Grades

Number of students who tested, divided by the number of students required to test

ELA	91%
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Science	79%

FAY Count

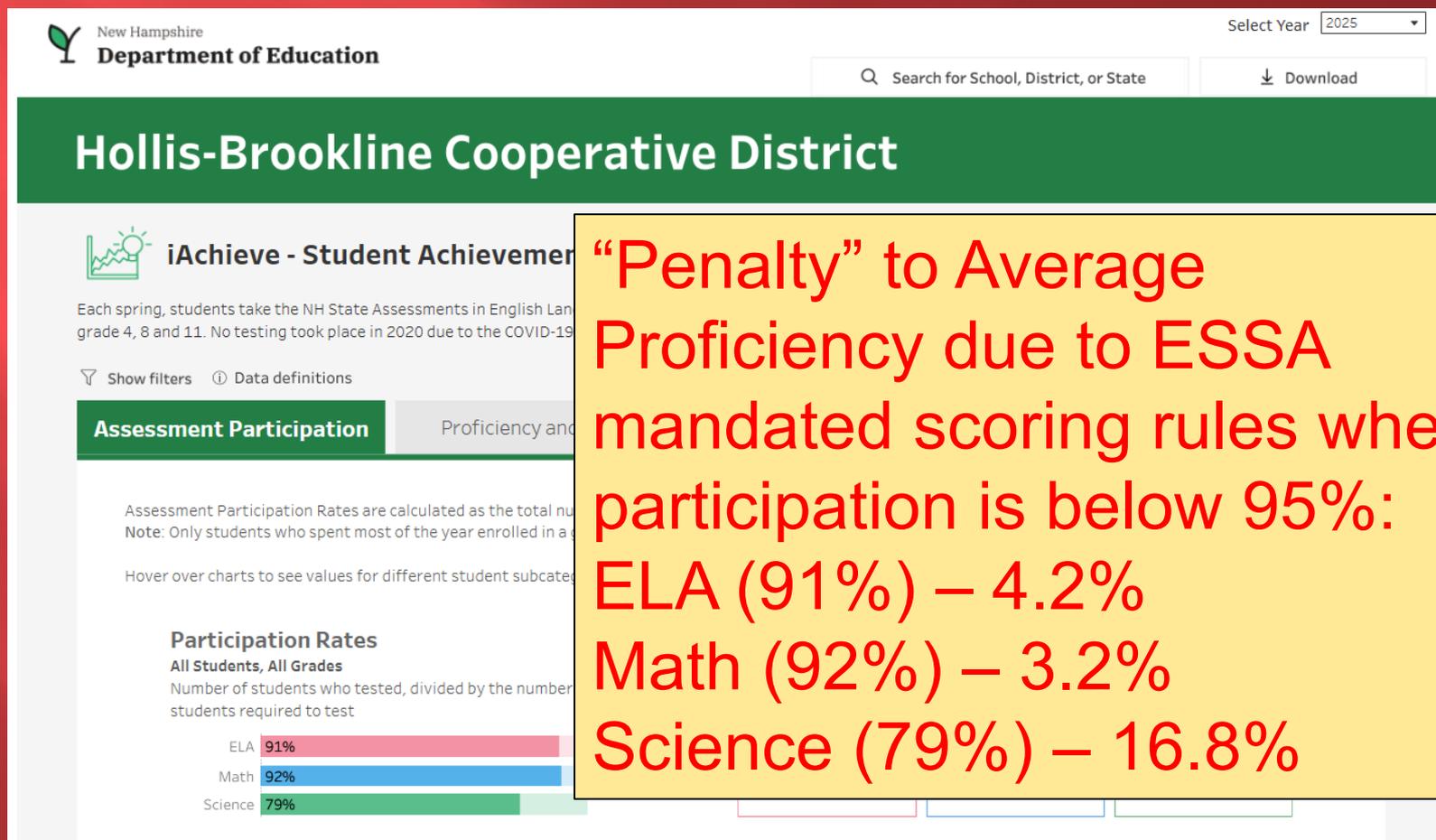
All Students, All Grades

Number of FAY students required to test

ELA	Math	Science
525 - 530	525 - 530	340 - 345

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“Penalty” to Average Proficiency due to ESSA mandated scoring rules when participation is below 95%:
ELA (91%) – 4.2%
Math (92%) – 3.2%
Science (79%) – 16.8%

Hollis Brookline Co-Op Achievement Levels (all grades)

Hollis-Brookline Cooperative District



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- Assessment Participation
- Proficiency and Growth
- Achievement Levels**
- ESSA Indicators

Achievement Levels

All Students, All Grades in 2025

Student achievement is measured across four levels of proficiency, where Level 1 is the lowest and Level 4 is the highest.

Hover over to see student results in the prior year.



Academic Growth

All Students, All Grades in 2025

The Mean Growth Percentile (MGP) is a measure of academic growth, which compares students' growth with that of their academic peers. Note: No data is available for 2020 or 2021.



Click for more info on MGP, click again to close the window

MGP

SDGA – Processed Results

- ❑ School District Governance Association of NH (SDGA-NH) <https://www.sdganh.org>
- ❑ Select Resources → NH Proficiency Results 2025

The screenshot shows the website for the School District Governance Association of New Hampshire (SDGANH). The main header includes the organization's name and a tagline: "Giving voters a voice by empowering elected school district officials to reclaim control over budgets and curriculum." A red button labeled "LEARN MORE" is visible. A navigation menu at the top includes "Home", "Members", "About", "Legislation", "Resources", and "Contact". The "Resources" dropdown menu is open, showing a list of items: "Resources", "NH Proficiency Results 2025", "Model Policies", "Sample Warrant", "Articles", "Blog", "White Papers", and "Newsletter Archive". A large red arrow points from the "Resources" dropdown menu to the "NH Proficiency Results 2025" link. The background features a stack of books with an apple on top, and the SDGANH logo is visible on a chalkboard background.

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Events
Check our event calendar for upcoming webinars and seminars.

Subscribe
Don't miss out on important news and events.

Join
Gain member-only access and help us accomplish our mission.

Donate
Support our mission to reclaim control over budgets and curriculum.

SDGA – Processed Results

- SDGA-NH processed proficiency results 2009-2025 into single spreadsheet
- <https://sdganh.org/nh-proficiency-results-2025/>
- Downloadable and sortable for all NH school districts and schools
- We used available data from Dept of Education (some years not available)



sdganh.org/nh-proficiency-results-2025/

NH State Proficiency / Achievement Results Consolidated 2009 – 2025

SDGA has consolidated the publicly reported proficiency/achievement results from 2009 to 2025, which is public information on the NH Department of Education information portal in disconnected reports, screens and data collections.

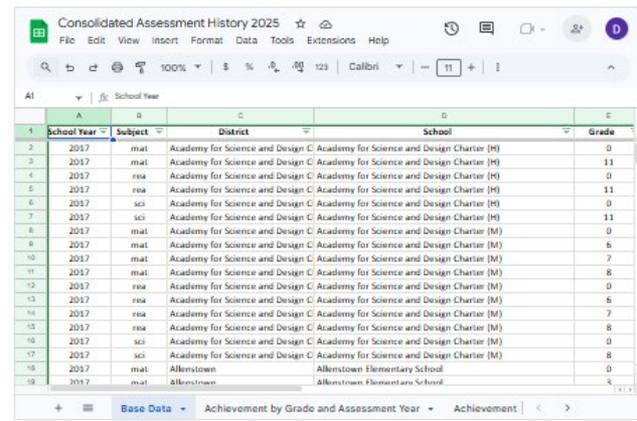
SDGA's consolidated spreadsheet allows a user to select one or multiple school districts, individual schools, assessment years, subjects and grade levels, and see the proficiency rate across that span of years as reported by the state. To achieve the same result using the DOE information portal would require navigating and downloading those individual reports and other data sources, and selecting and compiling the desired results by hand.

In addition, the SDGA spreadsheet incorporates the concept of a "Class of" data field, which links all the assessments of a single cohort of students based on the year that cohort would complete 12th Grade. So, for example, the students who graduated in 2023 had their 11th Grade assessment in 2022, their 8th Grade assessment in 2019 and so forth.

The SDGA spreadsheet is stored as a Google Doc. The "Achievement by Grade and Assessment Year" and "Achievement History by Cohort" tabs are pivot tables, and the settings and filters on these are not available for editing by viewers of the table. The "Base Data" tab has column filters which can be edited by a viewer without affecting other users. The full table can be downloaded.

The table presents 3 tabs:

- The "Achievement History by Assessment Year" tab is organized around the School Year during which the tests were completed by the given set of students at all the tested grade levels.
- The "Achievement History by Cohort" tab is the grouping of grade-level test results based on the "Class of" graduating year for the students in those grades, so that a given row of the table represents the successive grade-level results for the same group of students.
- The "Base Data" is the information as downloaded and consolidated from the Department of Education information portal.

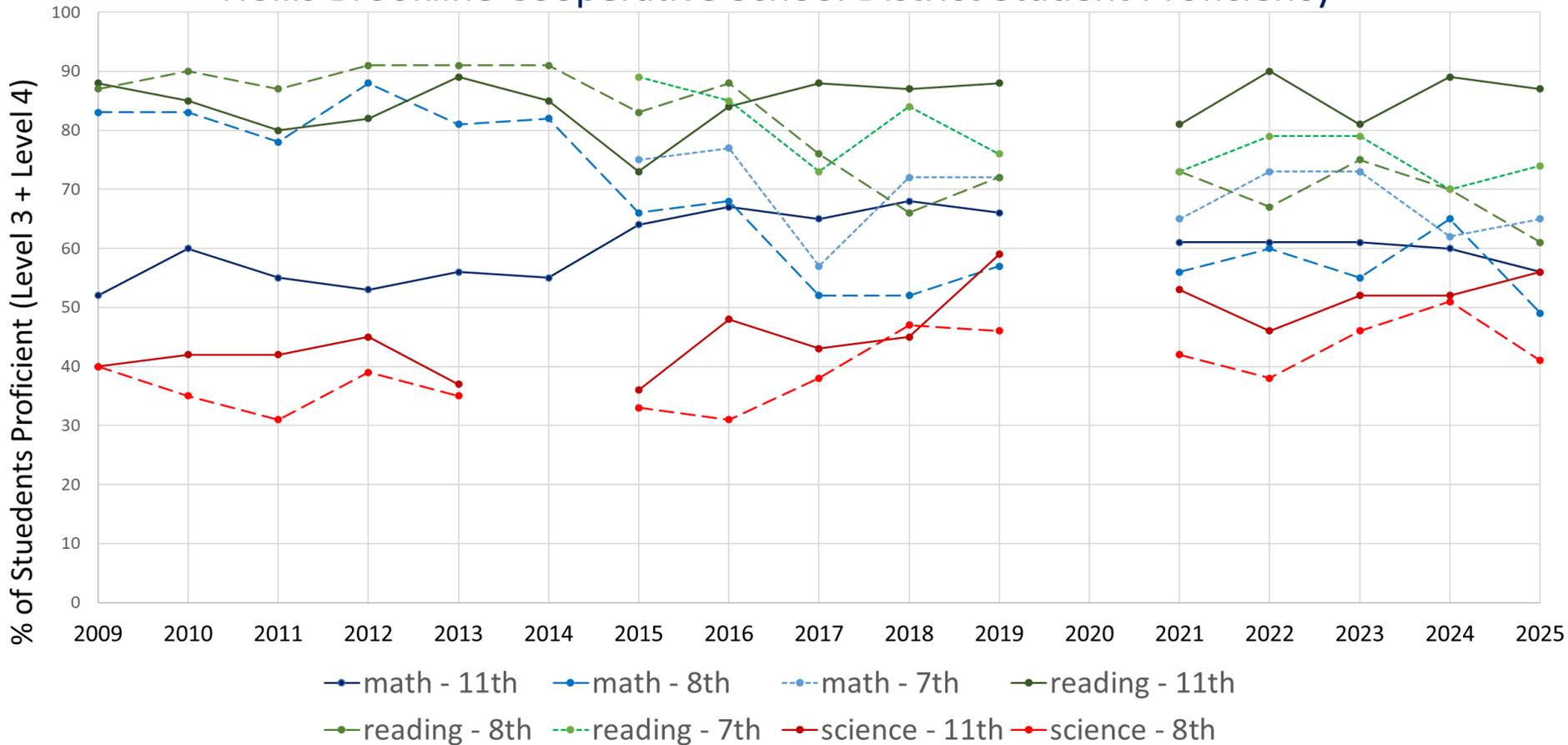


School Year	Subject	District	School	Grade
2017	mat	Academy for Science and Design C	Academy for Science and Design Charter (M)	0
2017	mat	Academy for Science and Design C	Academy for Science and Design Charter (M)	11
2017	rea	Academy for Science and Design C	Academy for Science and Design Charter (M)	0
2017	rea	Academy for Science and Design C	Academy for Science and Design Charter (M)	11
2017	sci	Academy for Science and Design C	Academy for Science and Design Charter (M)	0
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2017	mat	Academy for Science and Design C	Academy for Science and Design Charter (M)	0
2017	mat	Academy for Science and Design C	Academy for Science and Design Charter (M)	6
2017	mat	Academy for Science and Design C	Academy for Science and Design Charter (M)	7
2017	mat	Academy for Science and Design C	Academy for Science and Design Charter (M)	8
2017	rea	Academy for Science and Design C	Academy for Science and Design Charter (M)	0
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HB Co-Op Assessment History

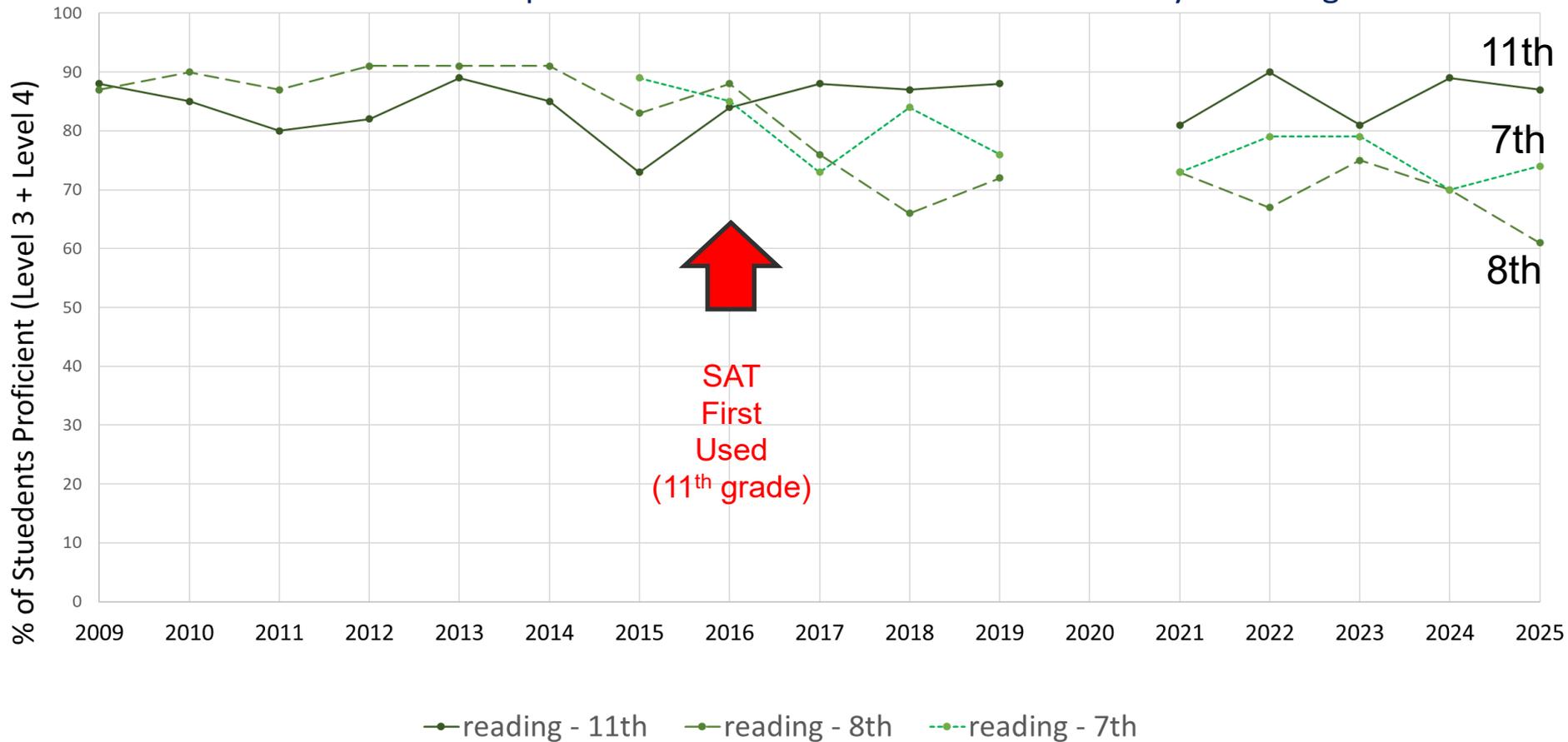
All Grades and Subjects

Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District Student Proficiency



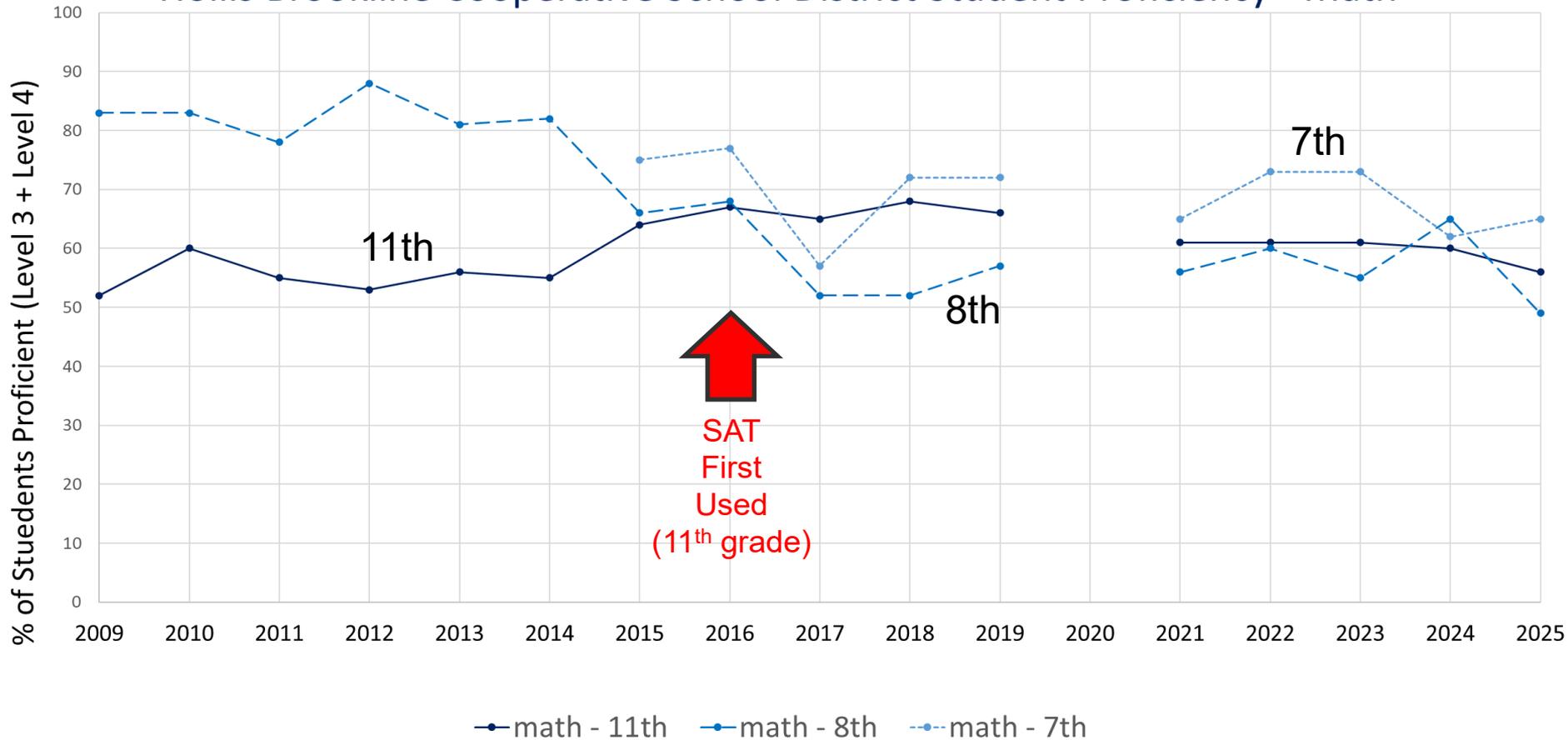
HB Co-Op Assessment History - Reading

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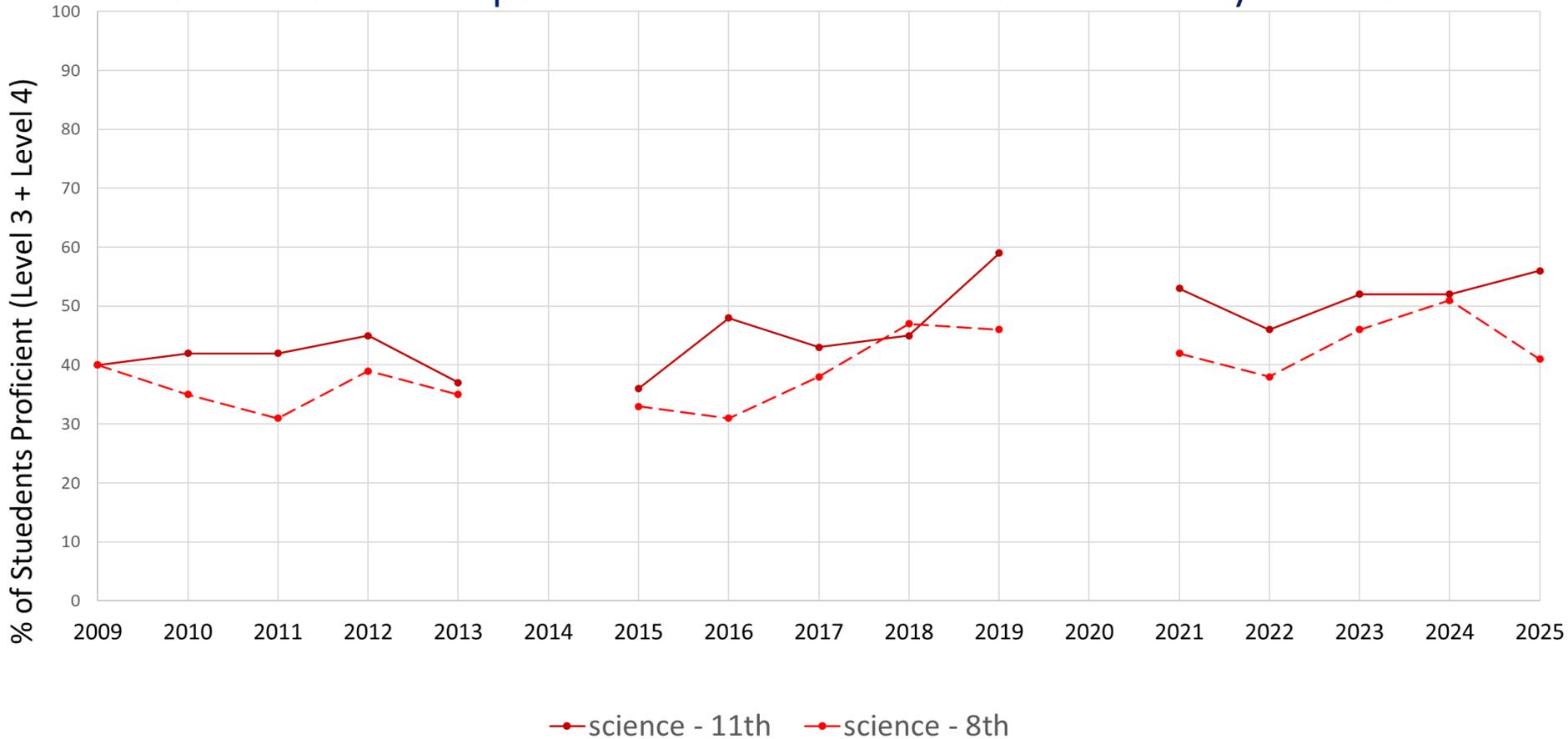
HB Co-Op Assessment History - Math

Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District Student Proficiency - Math



HB Co-Op Assessment History - Science

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NESDEC Enrollment Projections – Nov 2025



Projected Enrollment

School District: SAU #41, NH

11/3/2025

Enrollment Projections By Grade*																				
Birth Year	Births*		School Year	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	UNGR	K-12	PK-12
2020	109		2025-26	44	162	147	173	164	195	180	175	173	191	173	184	191	179		2287	2331
2021	112		2026-27	44	171	177	150	180	168	200	180	177	177	185	171	185	199		2320	2364
2022	121		2027-28	44	186	186	181	156	183	172	200	182	181	172	183	172	193		2347	2391
2023	118		2028-29	44	180	203	190	188	158	188	172	202	186	175	170	184	180		2376	2420
2024	105	(prov.)	2029-30	46	161	197	207	197	191	161	188	174	206	180	174	171	192		2399	2445
2025	113	(est.)	2030-31	46	173	176	201	216	200	196	161	190	177	200	178	175	179		2422	2468
2026	114	(est.)	2031-32	46	174	189	180	209	220	205	196	163	194	171	198	179	183		2461	2507
2027	114	(est.)	2032-33	48	175	190	193	187	212	226	205	198	165	188	170	199	187		2495	2543
2028	113	(est.)	2033-34	48	173	191	194	200	190	217	225	207	202	160	187	170	208		2524	2572
2029	112	(est.)	2034-35	48	171	189	195	201	203	195	217	227	211	196	159	188	177		2529	2577
2030	113	(est.)	2035-36	49	174	187	193	202	204	208	195	219	231	205	194	160	196		2568	2617

Note: Ungraded students (UNGR) often are high school students whose anticipated years of graduation are unknown, or students with special needs - UNGR not included in Grade Combinations for 7-12, 9-12, etc.

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Projected Enrollment in Grade Combinations*										
School Year	PK-6	K-6	K-3	4-6	6-8	K-8	PK-8	7-8	7-12	9-12
2025-26	1240	1196	646	550	539	1560	1604	364	1091	727
2026-27	1270	1226	678	548	534	1580	1624	354	1094	740
2027-28	1308	1264	709	555	563	1627	1671	363	1083	720
2028-29	1323	1279	761	518	560	1667	1711	388	1097	709
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2032-33	1436	1388	745	643	568	1751	1799	363	1107	744
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2035-36	1412	1363	756	607	645	1813	1862	450	1205	755

Projected Percentage Changes			
School Year	K-12	Diff.	%
2025-26	2287		
2026-27	2320	33	1.4%
2027-28	2347	27	1.2%
2028-29	2376	29	1.2%
2029-30	2399	23	1.0%
2030-31	2422	23	1.0%
2031-32	2461	39	1.6%
2032-33	2495	34	1.4%
2033-34	2524	29	1.2%
2034-35	2529	5	0.2%
2035-36	2568	39	1.5%
Change		281	12.3%

*Projections should be updated annually to reflect changes in in/out-migration of families, births, and similar factors.

NESDEC Enrollment Projections – Nov 2025



Projected Enrollment

School District: SAU #41, NH

11/3/2025

Projected 1091 students but only 1061 students reported to Dept of Education on Oct 1, 2025
<https://my.doe.nh.gov/iPlatform/Report/DataReportsSubCategory?reportSubCategoryId=9>

Birth Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	
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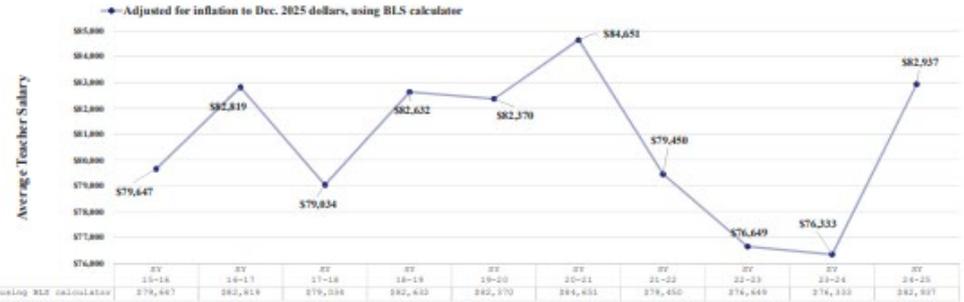
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Hollis Brookline Coop School District Mandatory Report to Voters on School Expenses

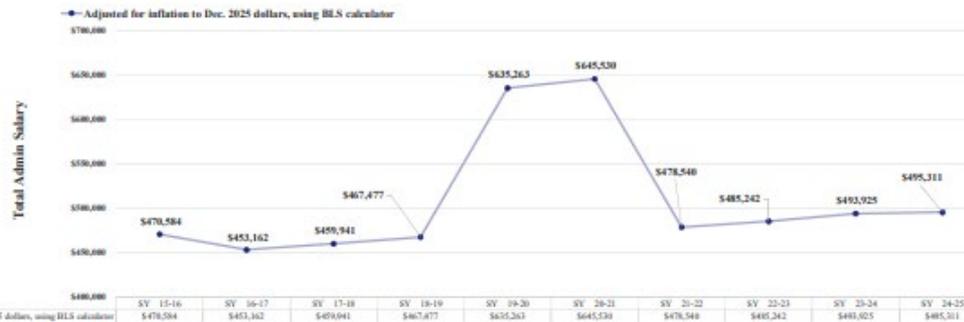
Average Cost Per Pupil



Average Teacher Salary



Administrator Salaries



Top Administrator Salaries for FY26

Superintendent	\$176,762
Assistant Superintendent of Student Services	\$138,004
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum	\$135,058
Business Administrator	\$125,000

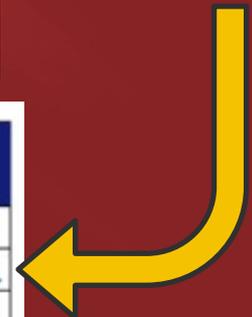
Report available at:

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SAU 41 Budget History

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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	2250?	\$2,560,328	\$1,137.92	4.6%

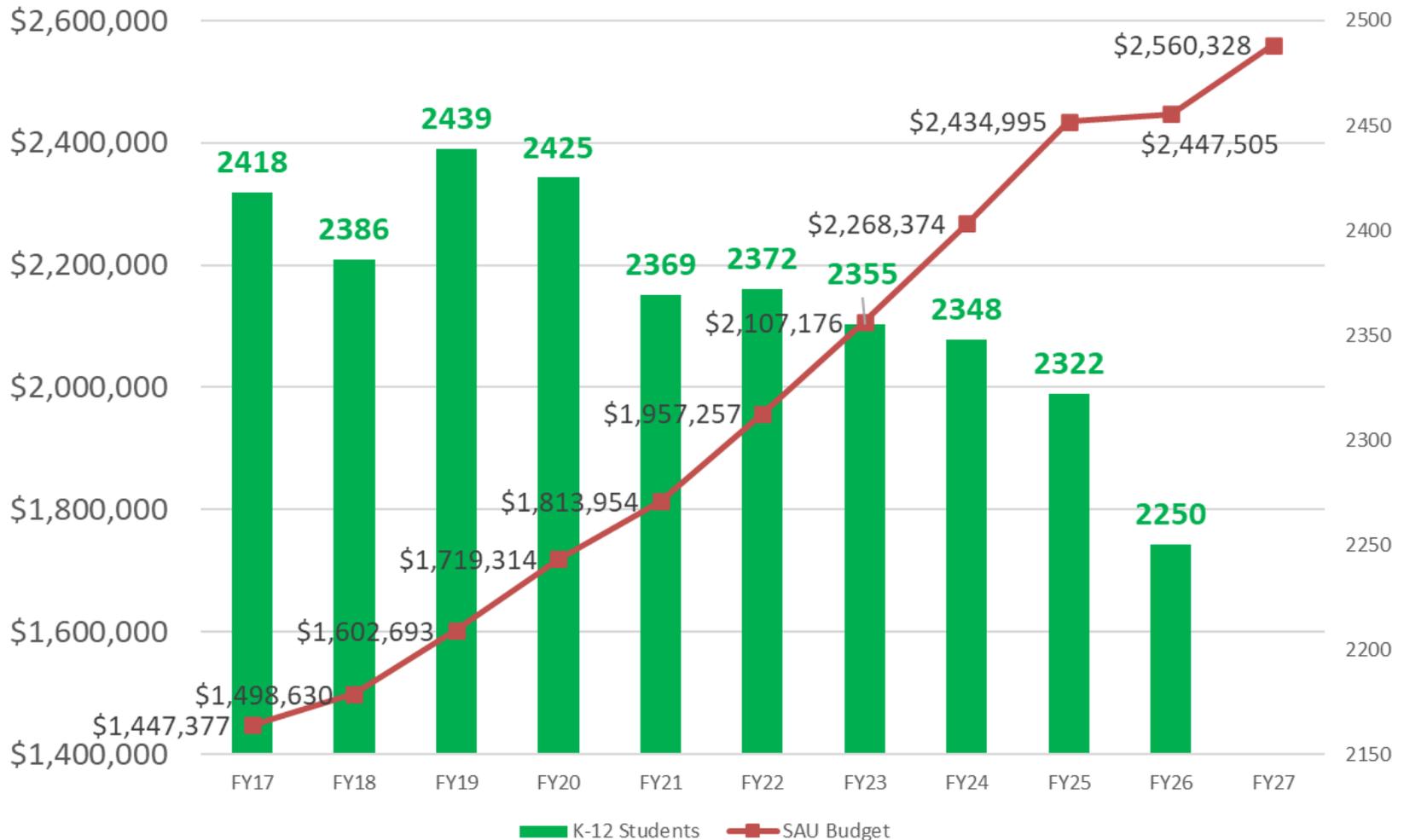
Added a second Assistant Superintendent this year (2025-26)



Top Administrator Salaries for FY26 District Allocation	BSD Portion	HSD Portion	COOP Portion	Total
Superintendent	\$35,775	\$56,066	\$84,912	\$176,752
Assistant Superintendent of Student Services	\$27,932	\$43,775	\$66,297	\$138,004
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum	\$27,336	\$42,840	\$64,882	\$135,058
Business Administrator	\$25,300	\$39,650	\$60,050	\$125,000

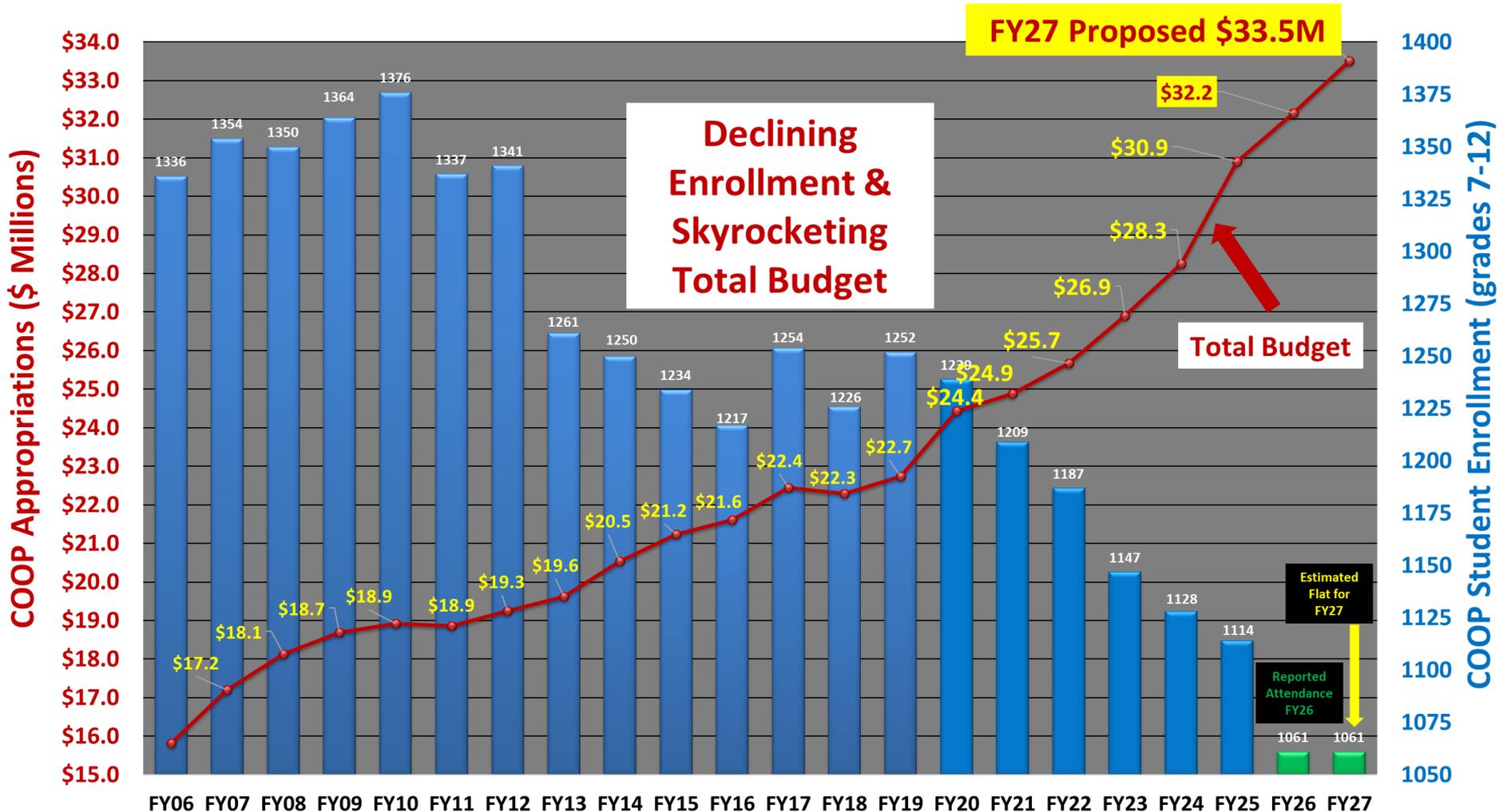
SAU 41 Budget History

SAU 41 Budget and Enrollment



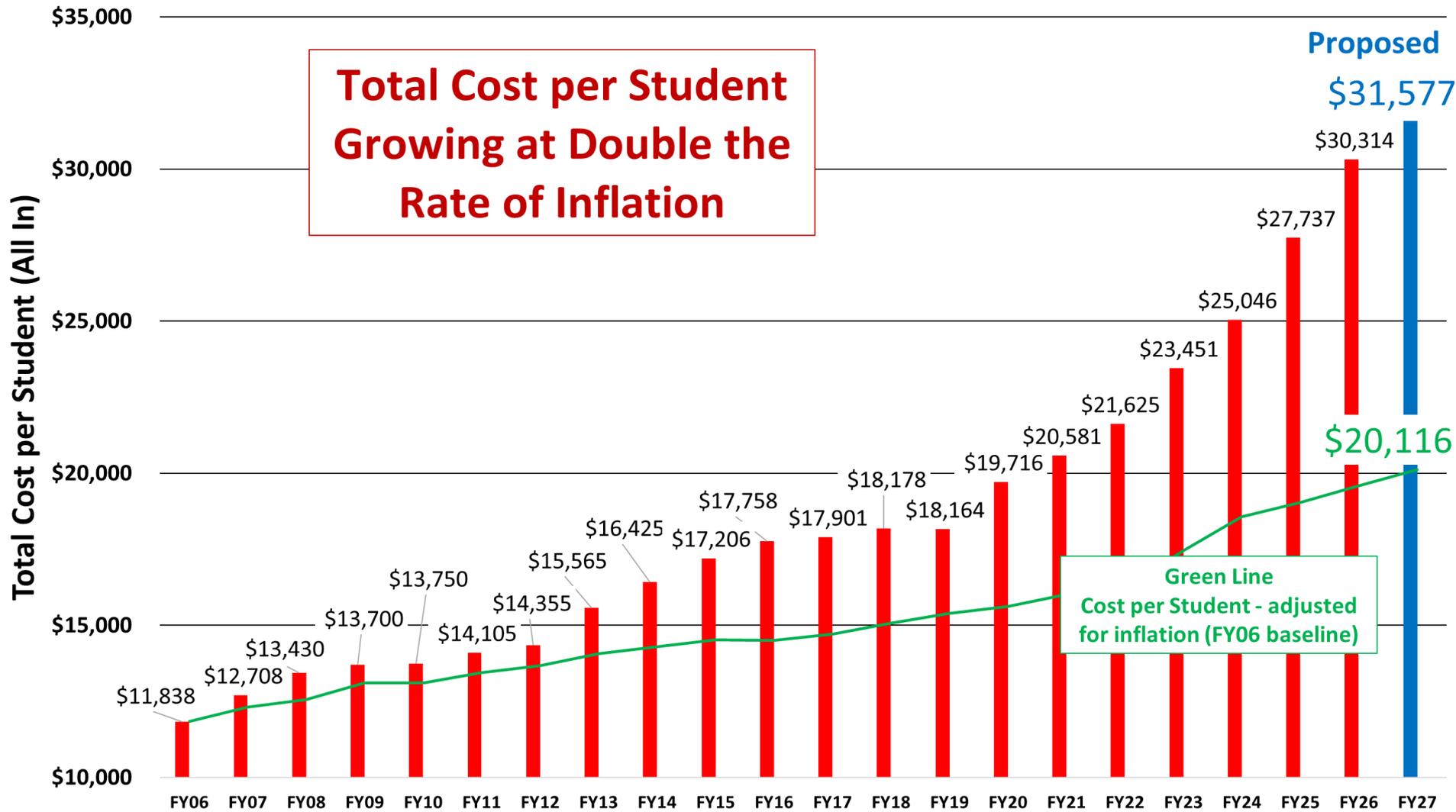
HB Co-Op Enrollment and Budget History

HB Co-Op Student Enrollment and Total Budget



HB Co-Op Total Cost Per Student History

HB COOP Total Cost Per Student History



FY2027 Warrant Articles

Article	Content	Amount
1	SAU Budget	\$1,230,494
2	Operating Budget	\$31,716,292
3	HESSA Contract	\$131,512
4	Facilities Maintenance Trust	\$300,000
5	Contingency	\$125,000
	Total as written	\$33,503,298
	<i>% change from prior year</i>	<i>+4.2%</i>
6	Open Enrollment	No Stated Financial Impact
7	Assessment Scores and Rankings on Website	Transparency – How is district doing?
8	Adopt SB2	Deliberative Session, Official Ballot Voting on all Warrant Articles on Election Day
9	Adopt Budget Cap	\$27,500/student
10	Tax Impact on Warrant	Transparency, e.g. \$0.90/1K
11	Adopt Tax Cap	Inflation and attendance-based tax cap

Courtesy of Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District Budget Committee (except red comments)

2026 Co-Op Meeting for FY27 Spending – March 19

FY27	TOTAL COOP	Hollis	Brookline
Total appropriations	\$33,503,298		
COOP Revenue	(\$2,107,918)		
Net to be Apportioned	\$31,395,380	\$17,336,043	\$14,059,338
Less State Aid	(\$5,749,301)	(\$2,715,169)	(\$3,034,132)
Local Tax Effort	\$25,646,080	\$14,620,874	\$ 11,025,206
FY27 EST COOP Local Tax Rate/k		\$6.22	\$9.39
FY26 COOP Local TAX RATE/k		\$5.94	\$9.06
% change in Local COOP Tax Rate		4.7%	3.6%

Courtesy of Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District Budget Committee

Charter Commission for Co-Op March 10 Election Day Ballot

▣ Charter Commission Ballot Question

- ▣ March 10 ballot includes a question to form a charter commission for the Hollis-Brookline Cooperative School District.

▣ What a YES Vote Does

- ▣ Starts a formal process to consider moving from the in-person annual meeting to deciding all warrant articles by official ballot voting under RSA 197:5-b.
- ▣ Explores the only charter option available to New Hampshire school districts.
- ▣ Could significantly expand voter participation by shifting decisions to all-day ballot voting.

▣ What Happens if it Passes

- ▣ A nine-member commission (five Hollis, four Brookline) is elected in a special election.
- ▣ Over the next year, the commission studies the option, gathers public input, and reviews models such as Kearsarge Regional School District.
- ▣ Any proposed charter undergoes state review and appears on the March 9, 2027 ballot, requiring 60% approval.

▣ Purpose of the Process

- ▣ Determine whether official ballot voting provides a better decision-making method than the current evening in-person meeting.

▣ Impact of Vote

- ▣ **YES** – explore adopting official ballot voting through charter.
- ▣ **NO** – keep the traditional in-person annual meeting.

Hollis – March 10 Ballot Question – Charter Commission

- Vote YES on Petition Warrant Article to establish a Charter Commission

 **Official Ballot**
Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District Election
March 10, 2026
Hollis, NH

Diane Leavitt
Diane Leavitt, Town Clerk

Instructions
To Vote:
To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.

 **To Vote for a Write-in:**
To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the person's name on the "Write-in" line and completely fill in the oval next to the line.

 Write-in

School Board Vote for not more than 1 3yr Cynthia VanCoughnett <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/>	Budget Committee Vote for not more than 1 3yr Raúl C. Blanche <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/>
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Petition Warrant Article
Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of establishing a municipal charter? Yes No

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Brookline – March 10 Co-Op Ballot Question – Charter Commission and School Board

- Vote YES on Petition Warrant Article to establish a Charter Commission
- Vote for Elizabeth Hamel (R) – Co-Op School Board

SAMPLE

HOLLIS BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2026

DIANE LEAVITT, CLERK
HOLLIS BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To Vote:** Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice like this: . For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences: "Vote for not more than 1;" or "Vote for up to X;" "X will be elected." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
- To Vote by Write-in:** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space and completely fill in the oval to the right of the "write-in" space like this .

FOR SCHOOL BOARD		FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE	
for Three Years	Vote for not more than 1	for Three Years	Vote for not more than 1
KATE STOLL	<input type="radio"/>	DAVID BLINN	<input type="radio"/>
ELIZABETH HAMEL	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>		

PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE

Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of establishing a municipal charter?
School Board does not recommend this article 6-0-0.
Budget Committee does not recommend this article 5-0-0.

YES
NO

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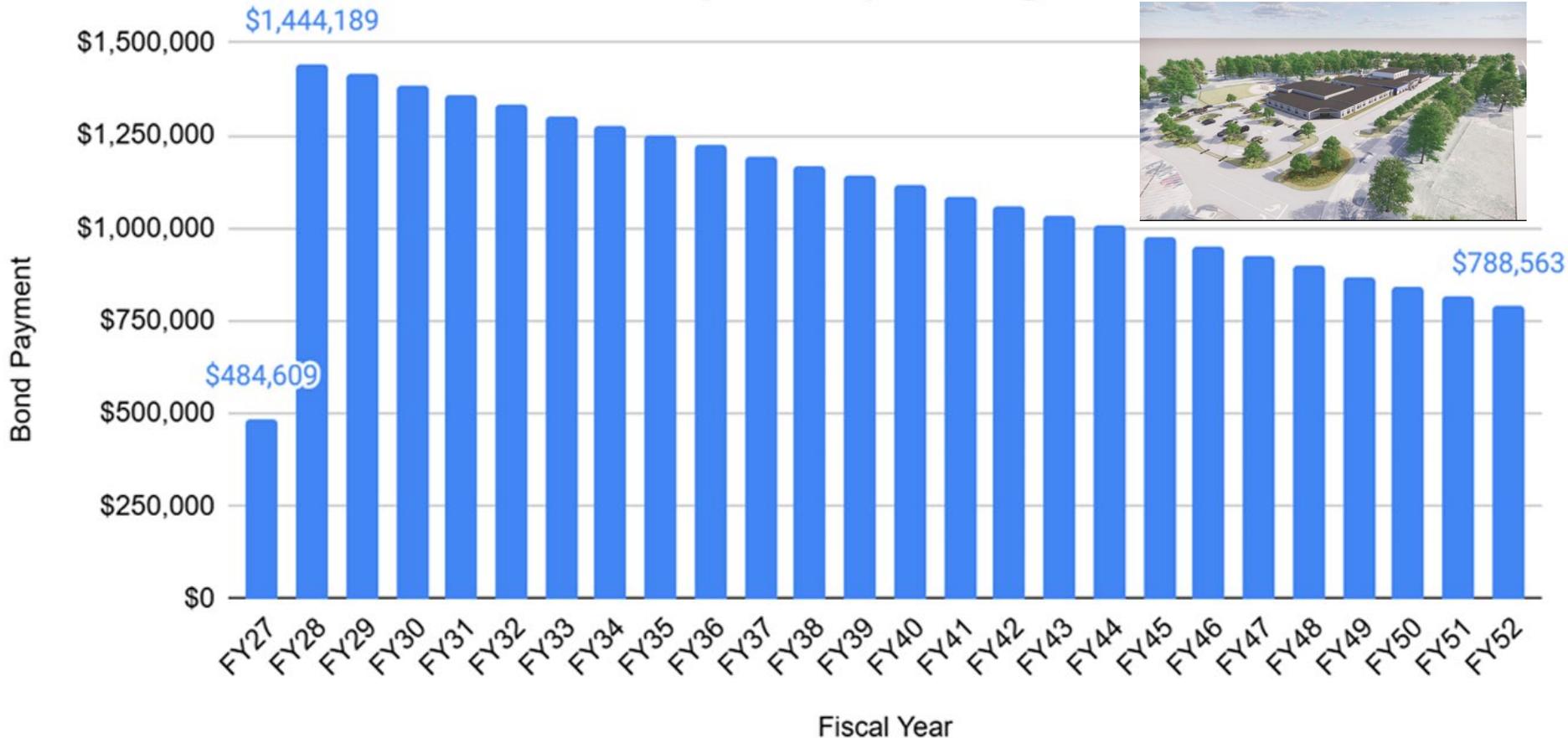


\$19.4M 25-year Bond - HPS

2027 Tax impact: \$0.16/1K 2028 Tax Impact: \$0.49/1K

1 hour ballot vote on March 17, meeting starts 7 pm, HBHS

25 Year Bond Payment by Year @ 3.50%



2026 Hollis Brookline Taxpayer Information Website

- ▣ <https://www.HollisBrookline.com>
- ▣ Voter Guides coming soon

- ▣ Town/School Elections – March 10 (7 am – 7 pm)
 - Candidate Elections and Charter Commission Question
 - Lawrence Barn (Hollis), CSDA (Brookline, until 7:30 pm)
- ▣ Brookline Town Meeting – March 14, 9 am (CSDA)
- ▣ Hollis Town Meeting – March 14, 9 am (HB High School)
- ▣ Hollis School District Meeting – March 17, 7 pm (HB High School), including \$19.4M bond vote on HPS
- ▣ HB Co-Op District Meeting – March 19, 6:30 pm (HB High School)