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

https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-education-and-analytic-resources/bureau-assessment-and-accountability/office-assessment

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
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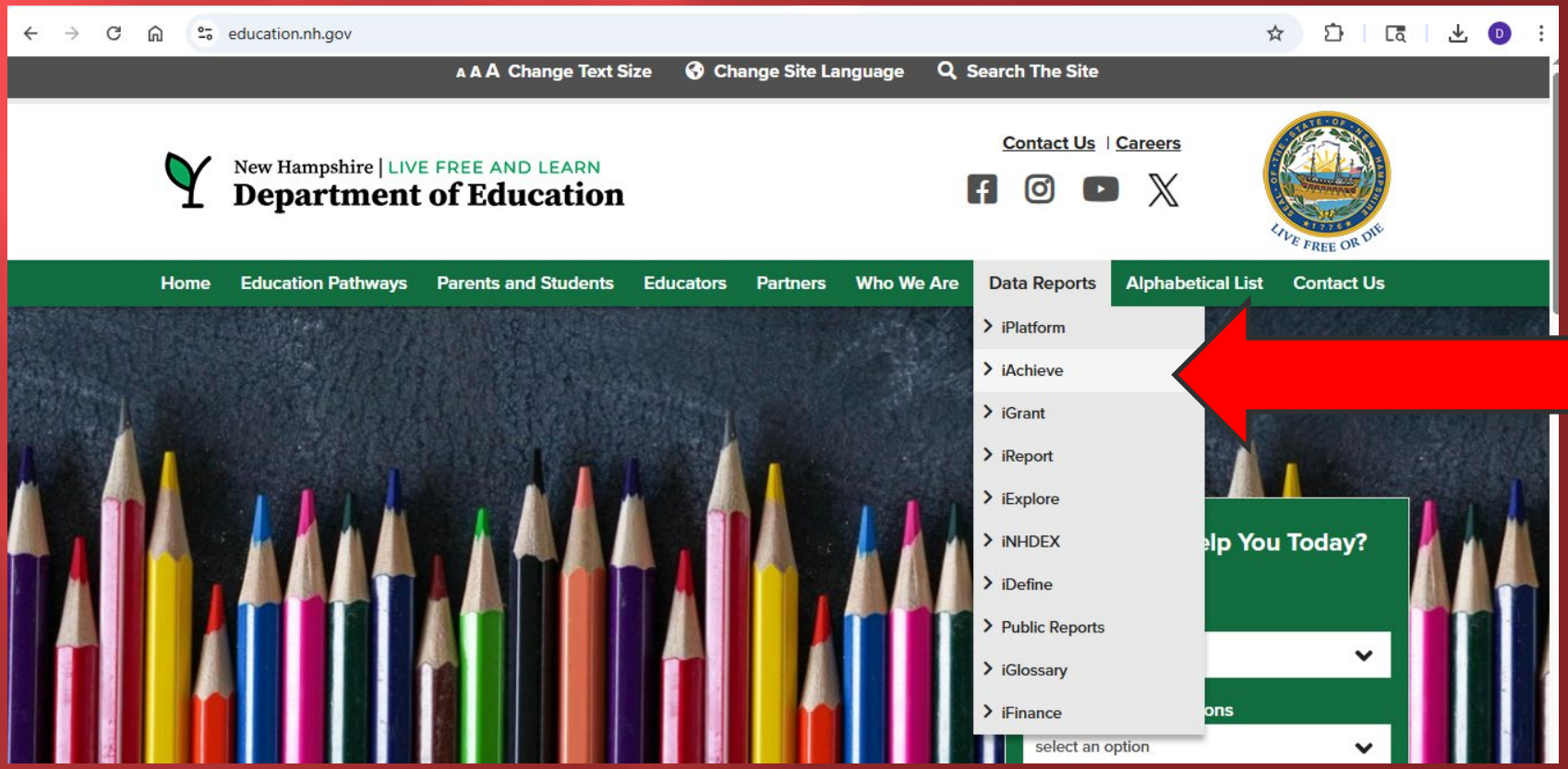
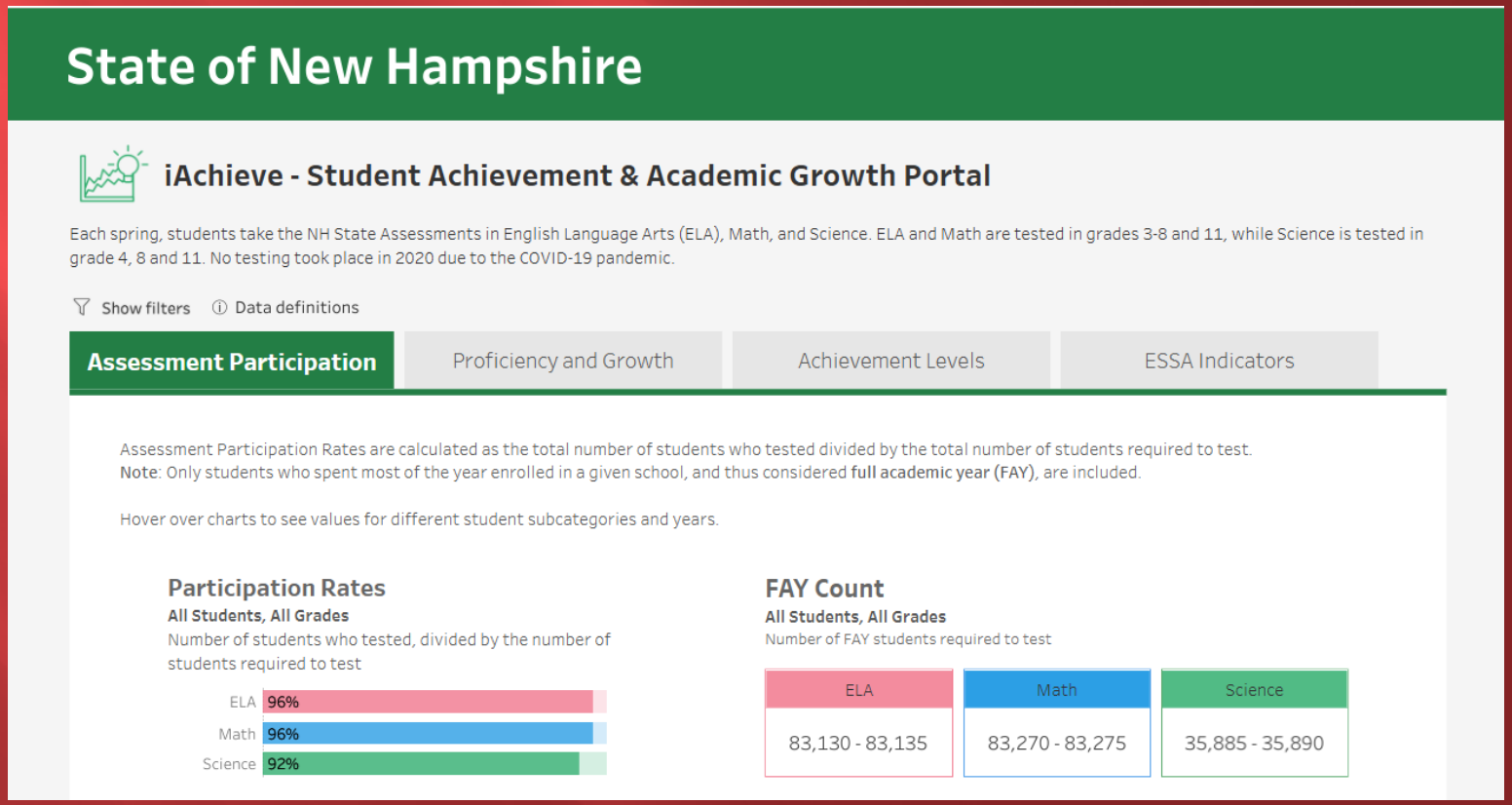


Effect of Participation on Reported Proficiencies

- 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



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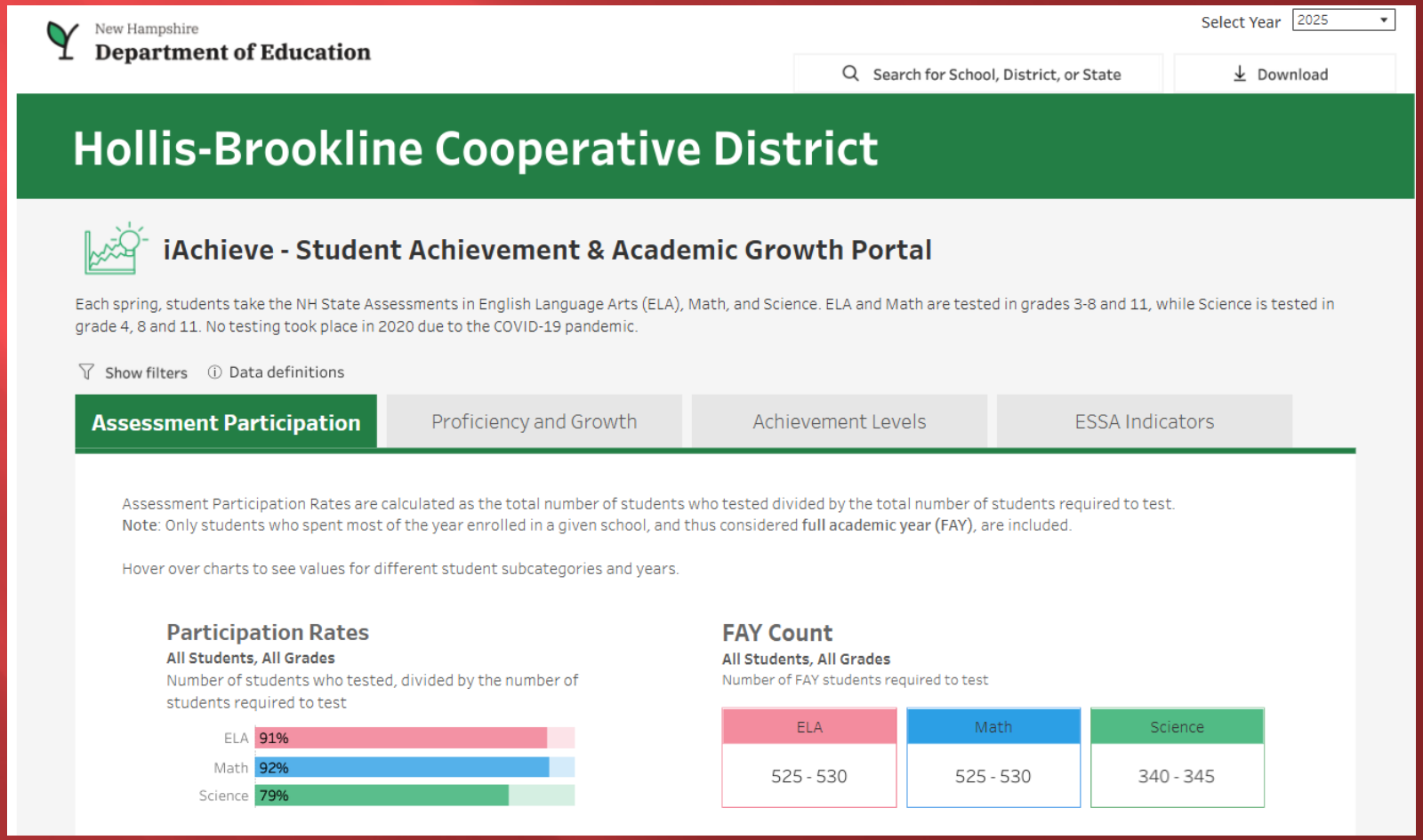

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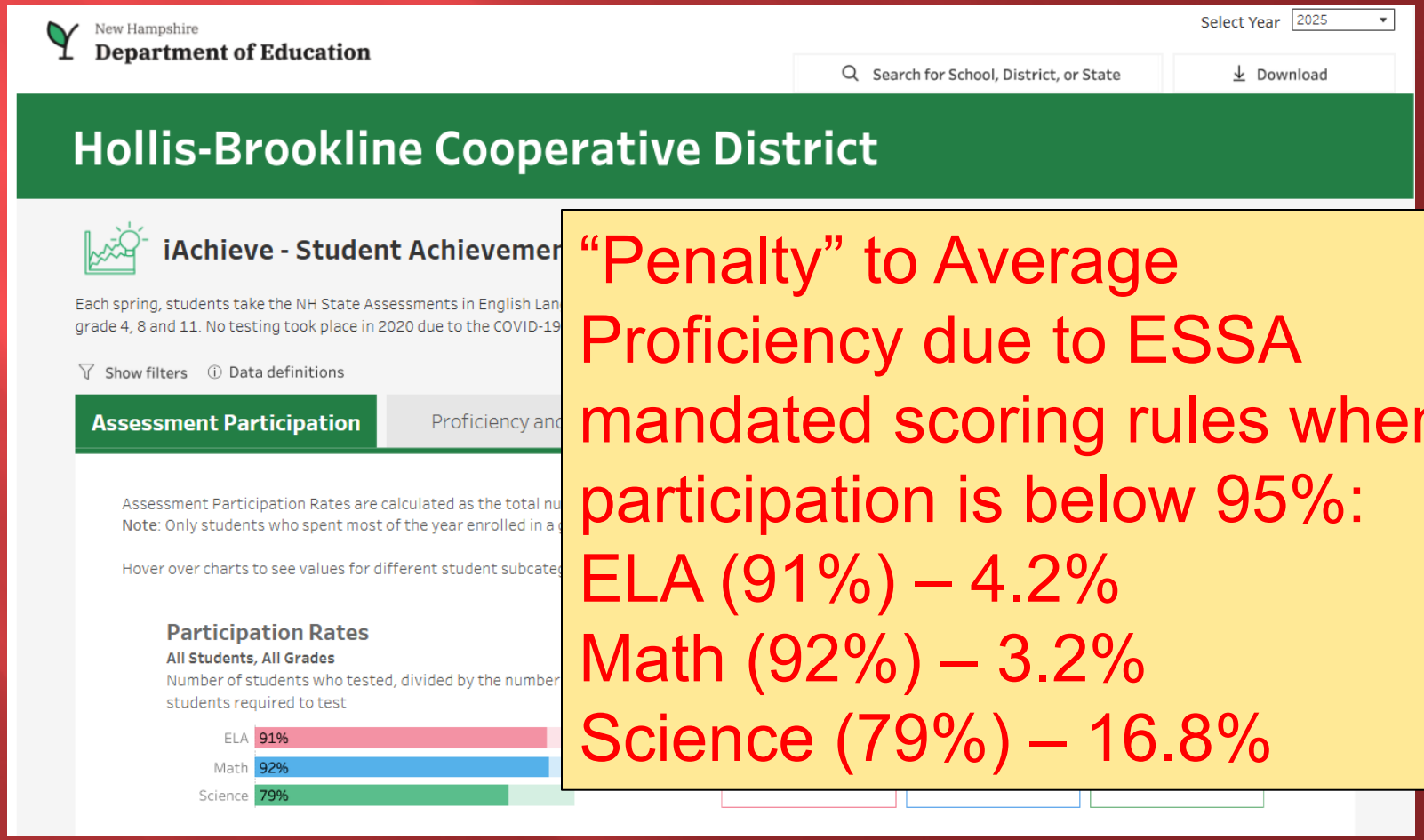


"Penalty" to Average Proficiency due to ESSA mandated scoring rules when participation is below 95%:
ELA (91%) – 4.2%
Math (92%) – 3.2%
Science (79%) – 16.8%

Hollis Brookline Co-Op Achievement Levels (all grades)

Hollis-Brookline Cooperative District

iAchieve - Student Achievement & Academic Growth Portal

Each spring, students take the NH State Assessments in English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science. ELA and Math are tested in grades 3-8 and 11, while Science is tested in grade 4, 8 and 11. No testing took place in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Show filters | Data definitions

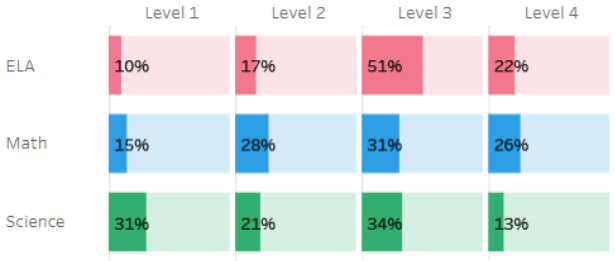
Assessment Participation | Proficiency and Growth | **Achievement Levels** | ESSA Indicators

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.

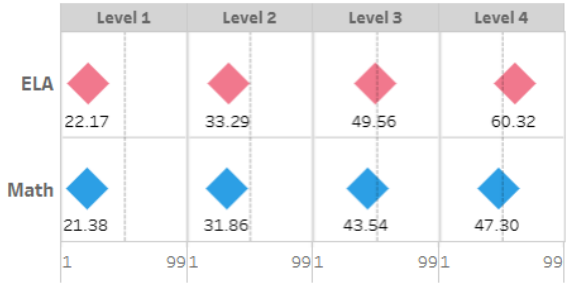
Hover over to see student results in the prior year.



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

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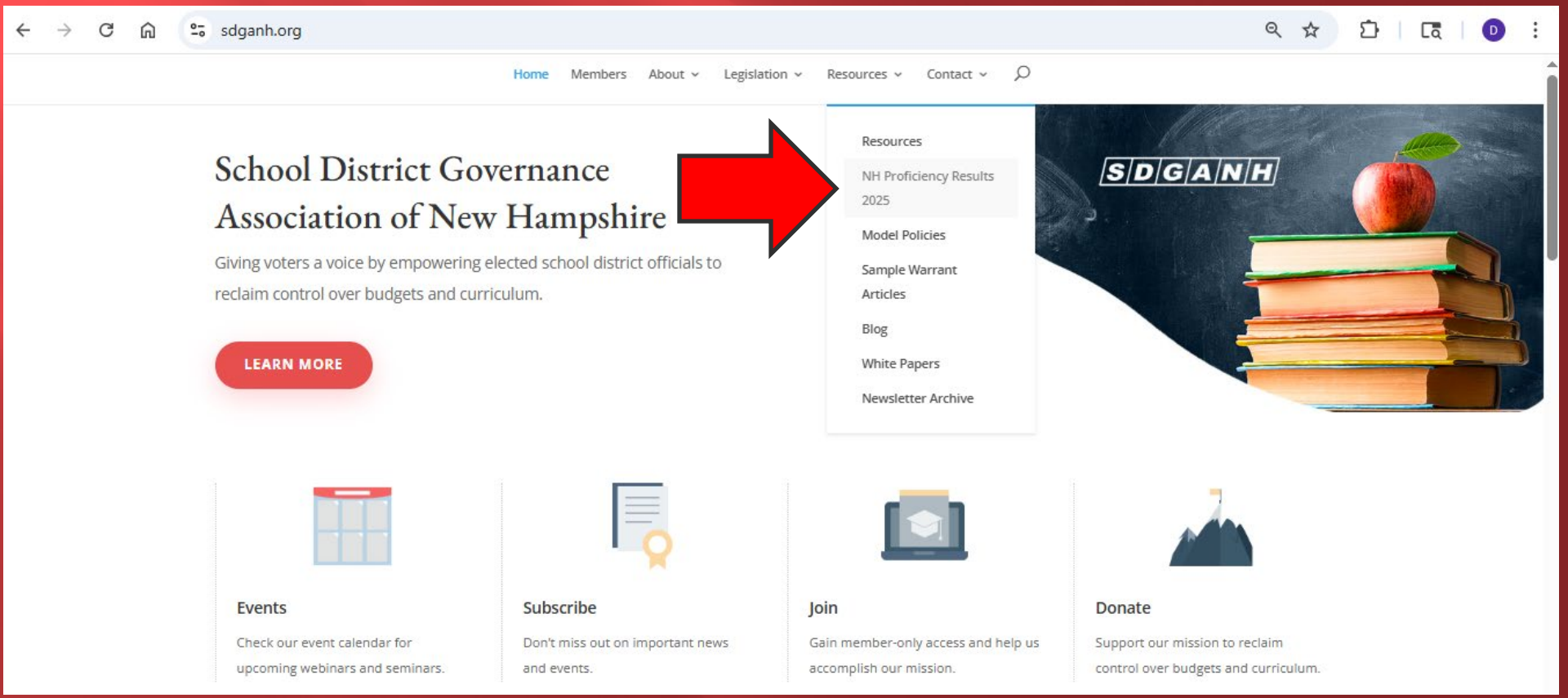
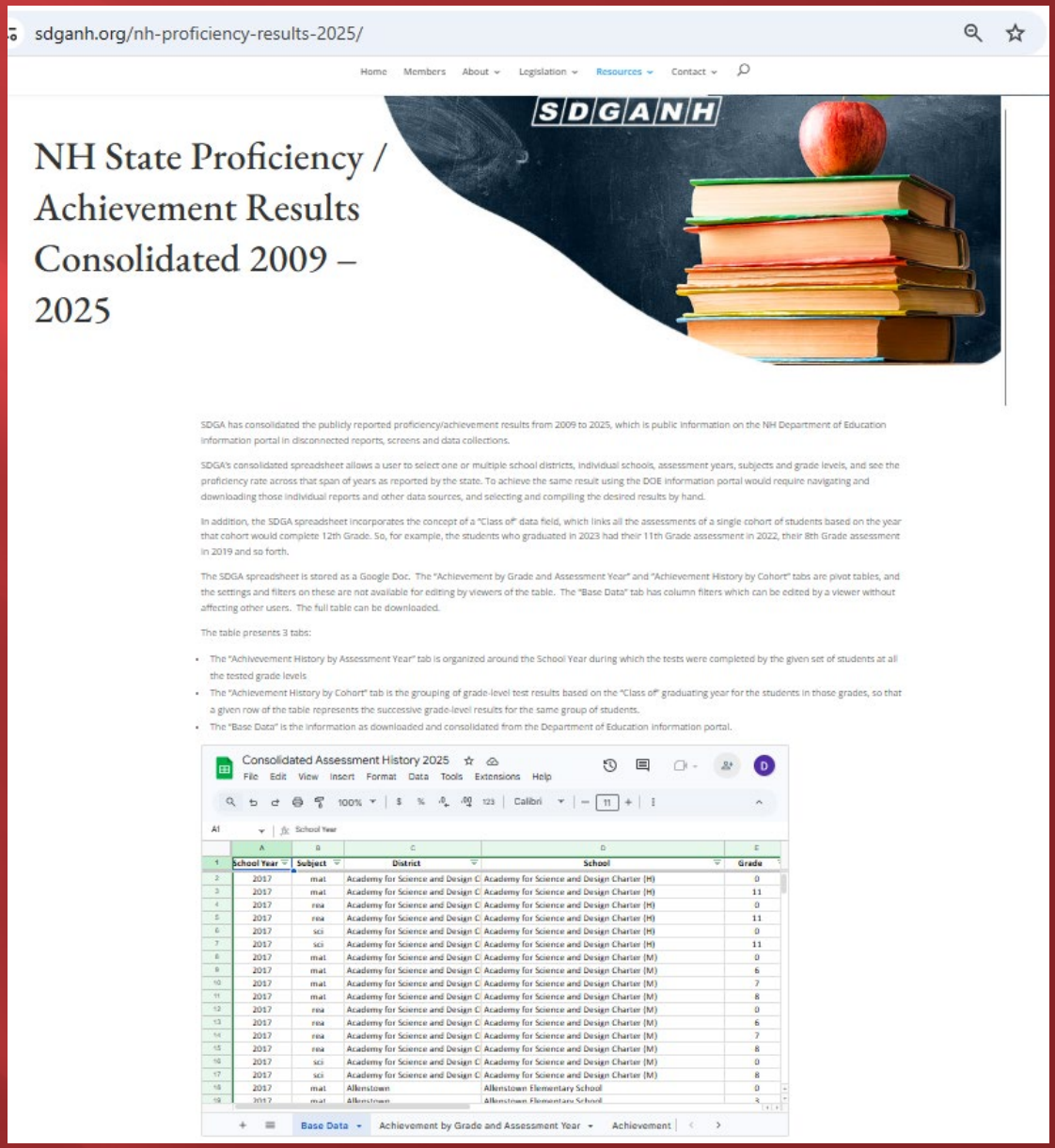
- Select Resources → NH Proficiency Results 2025

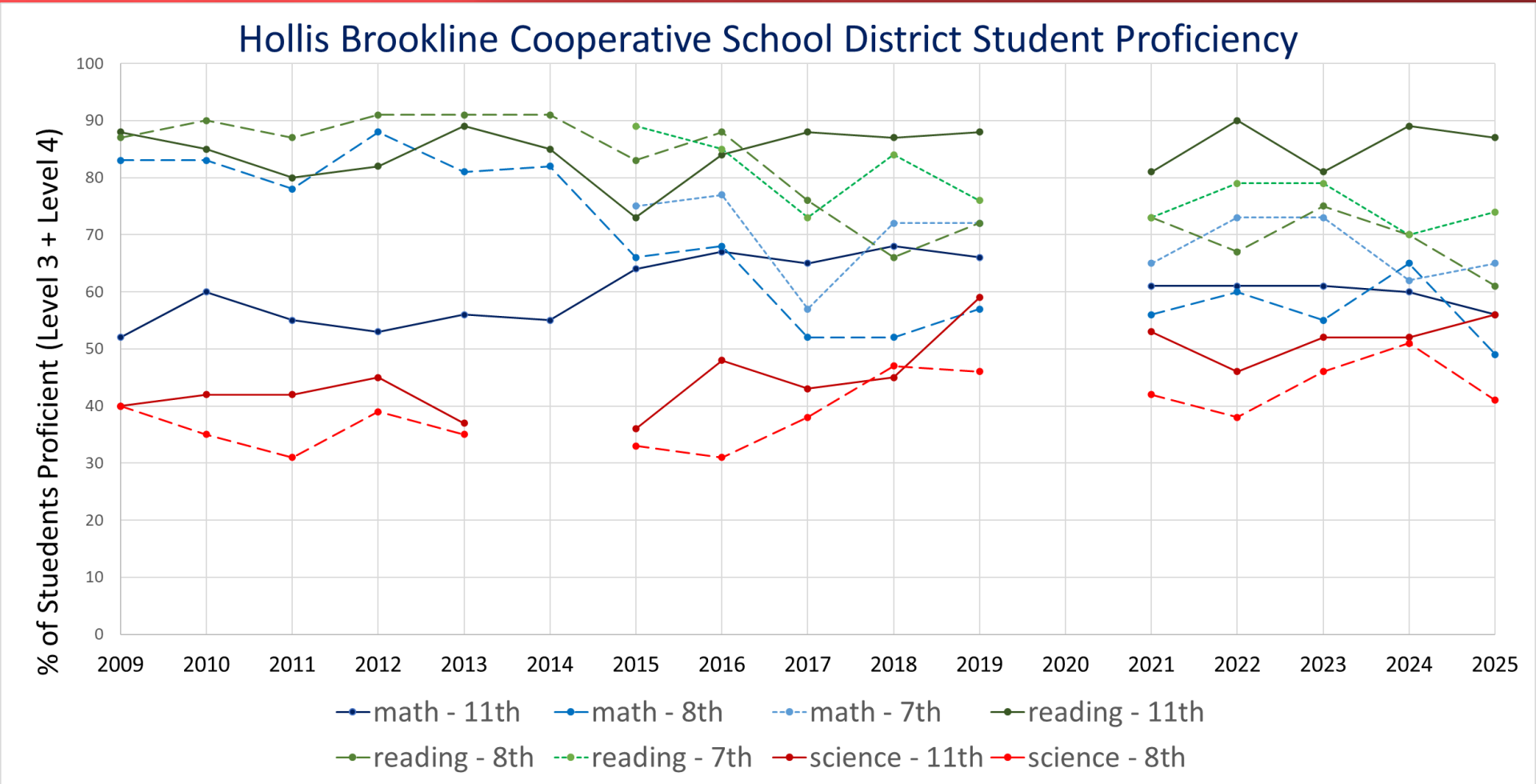


SDGA – Processed Results

- 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)



HB Co-Op Assessment History
All Grades and Subjects



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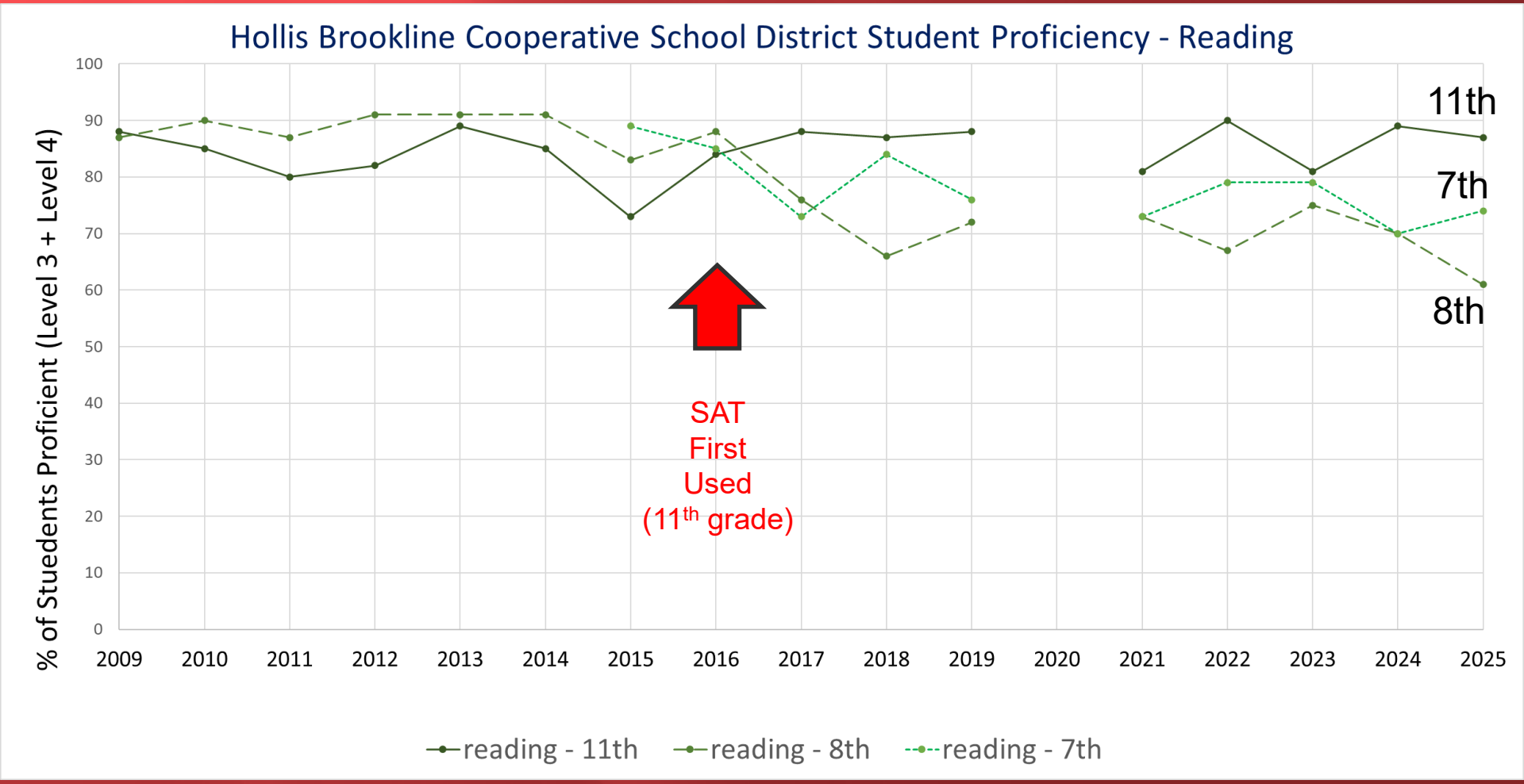

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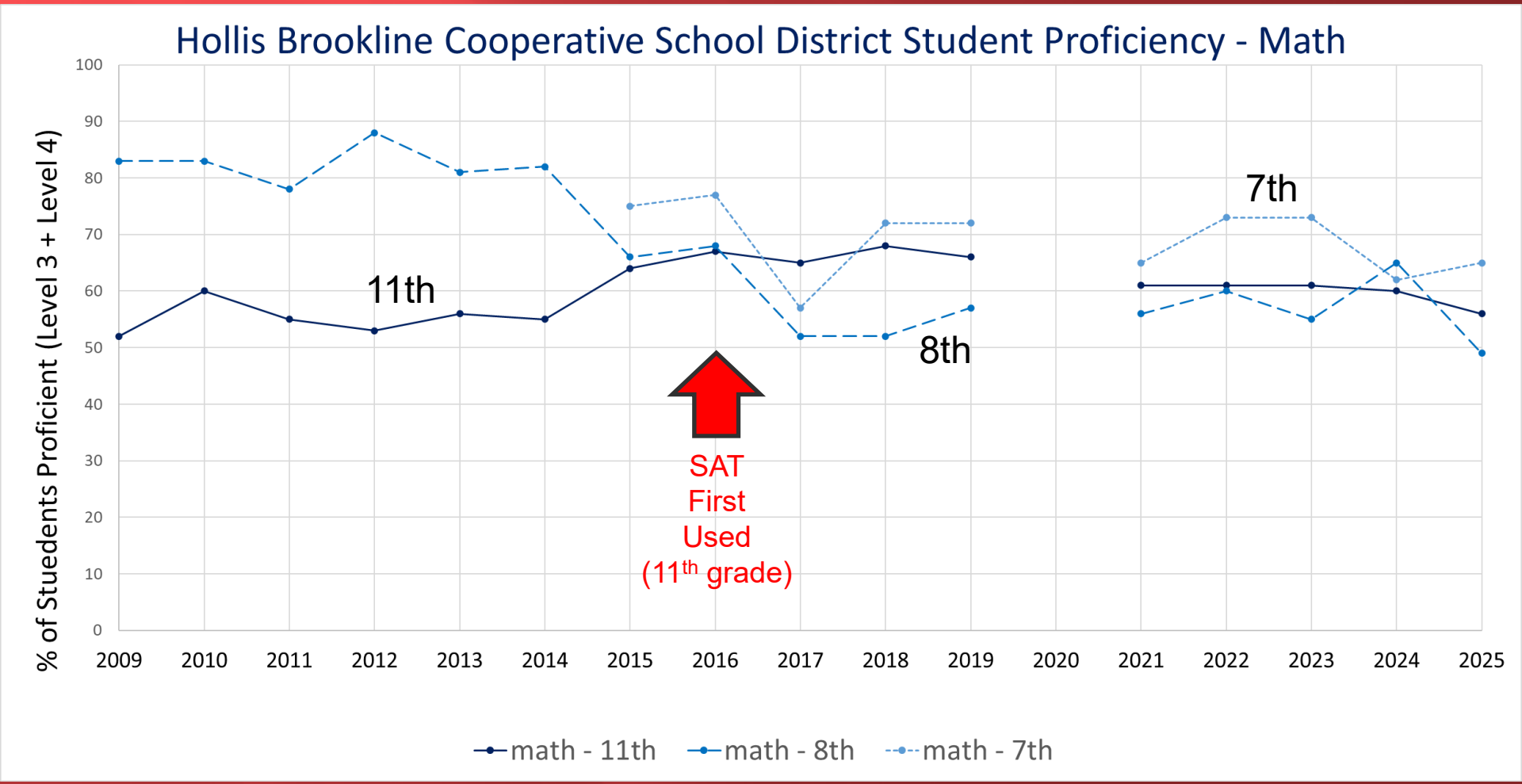

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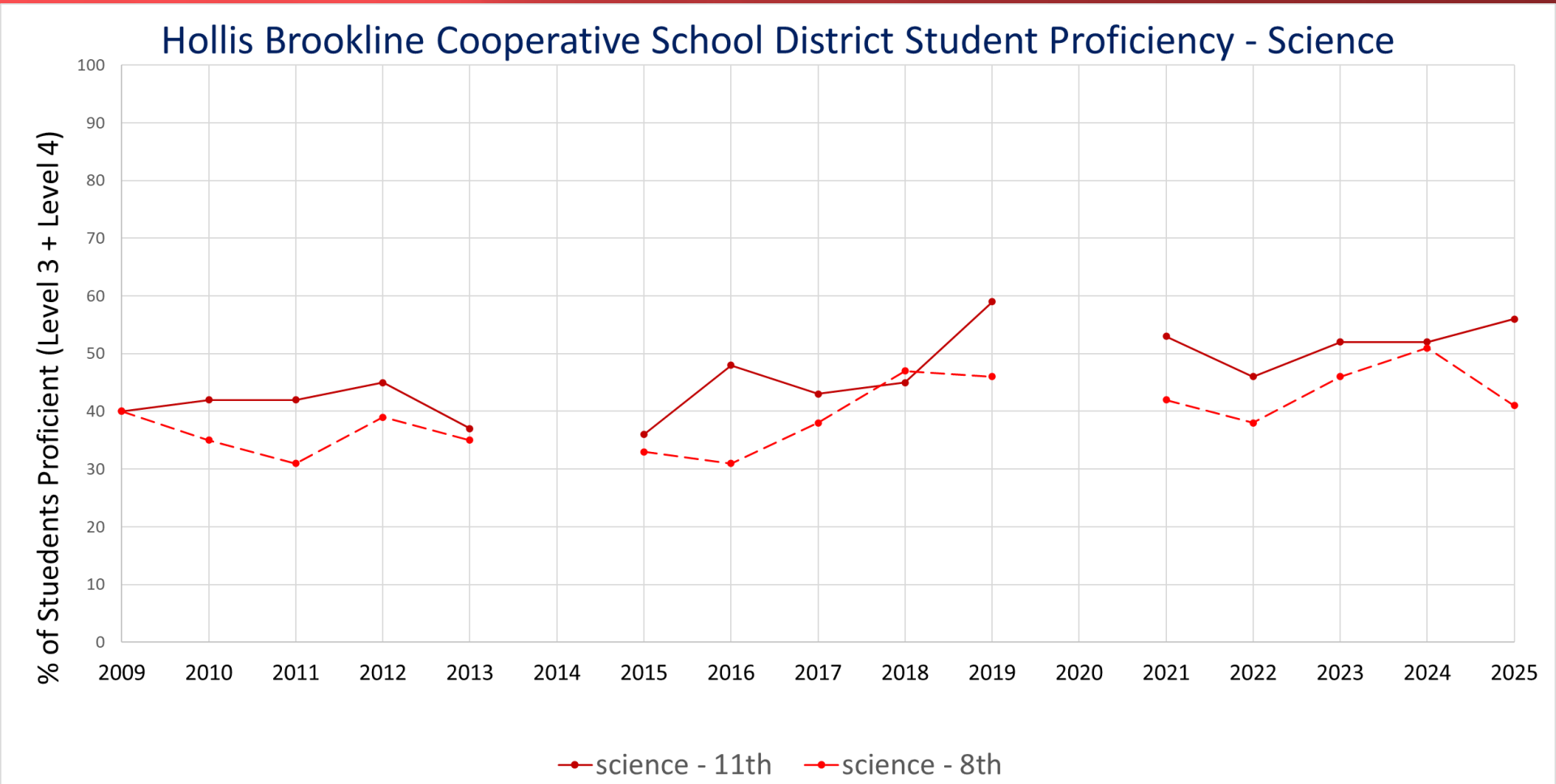

NESDEC Enrollment Projections – Nov 2025

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
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Projected Enrollment in Grade Combinations*

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2025-26	1240	1196	646	550	539	1560	1604	364	1091	727
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Projected Percentage Changes

School Year	K-12	Diff.	%
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Hollis Brookline Coop School District
Mandatory Report to Voters on School Expenses

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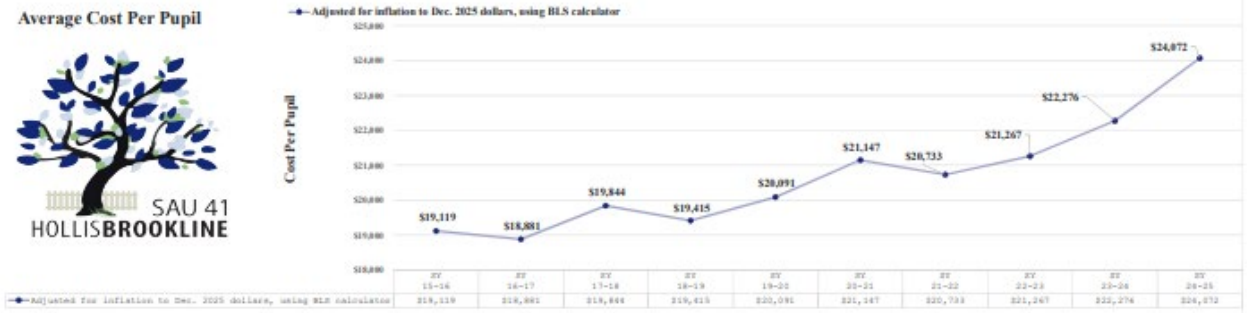

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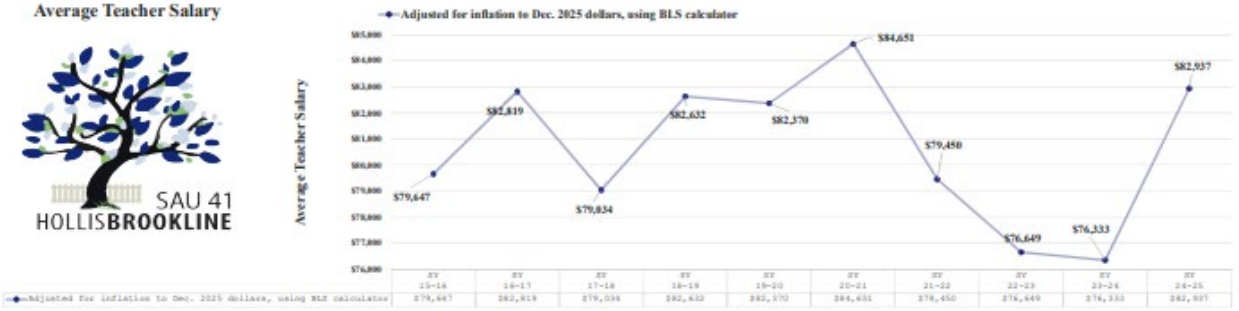

Administrator Salaries

Top Administrator Salaries for FY26	
Superintendent	$176,752
Assistant Superintendent of Student Services	$138,004
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum	$135,058
Business Administrator	$125,000

Report available at:

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1769612692/sau41org/umejsg0frt8roidzgesv/COOPMandatoryReporttoVotersonSchoolExpenseswithaddlinfo.pdf

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%

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

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

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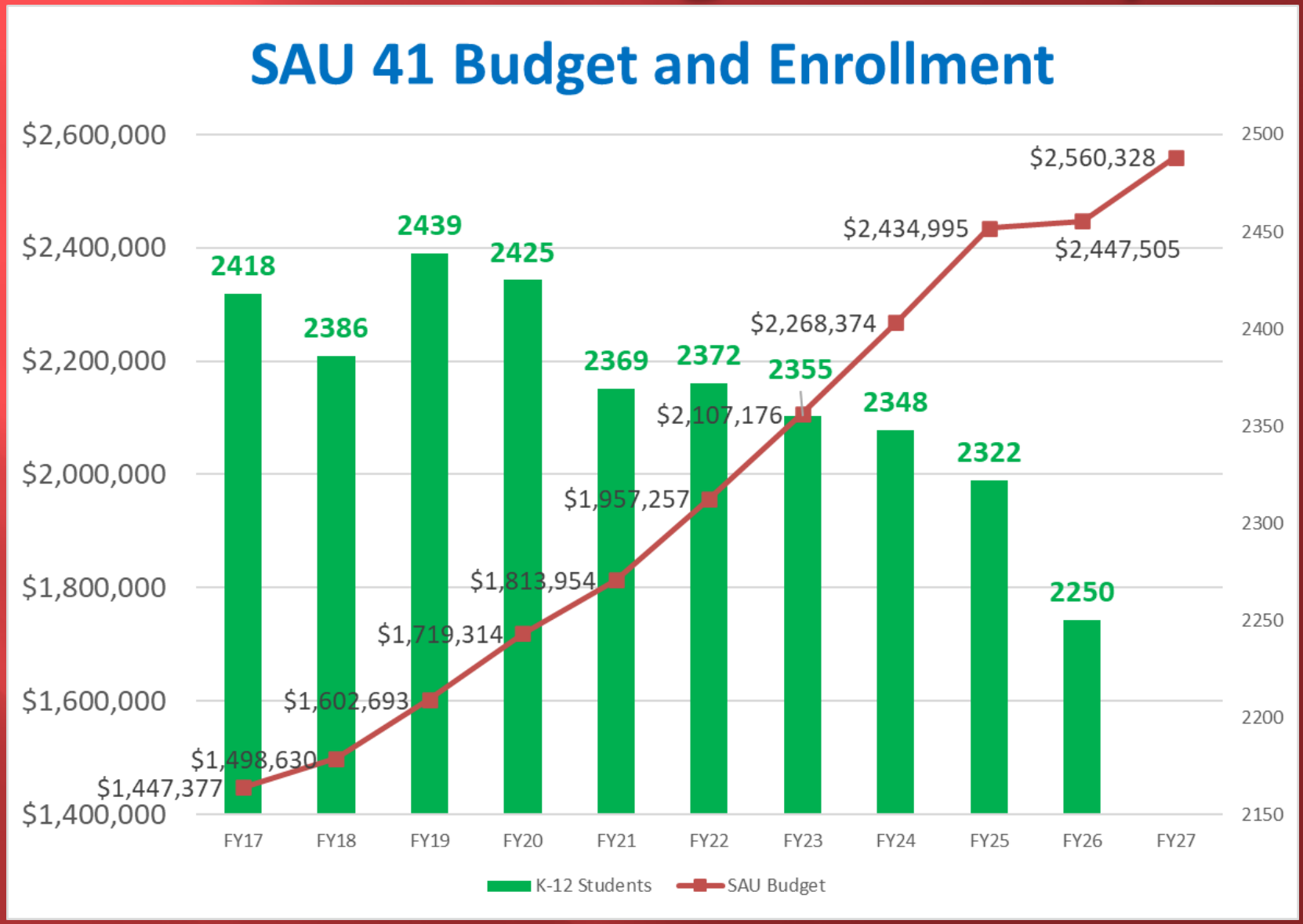

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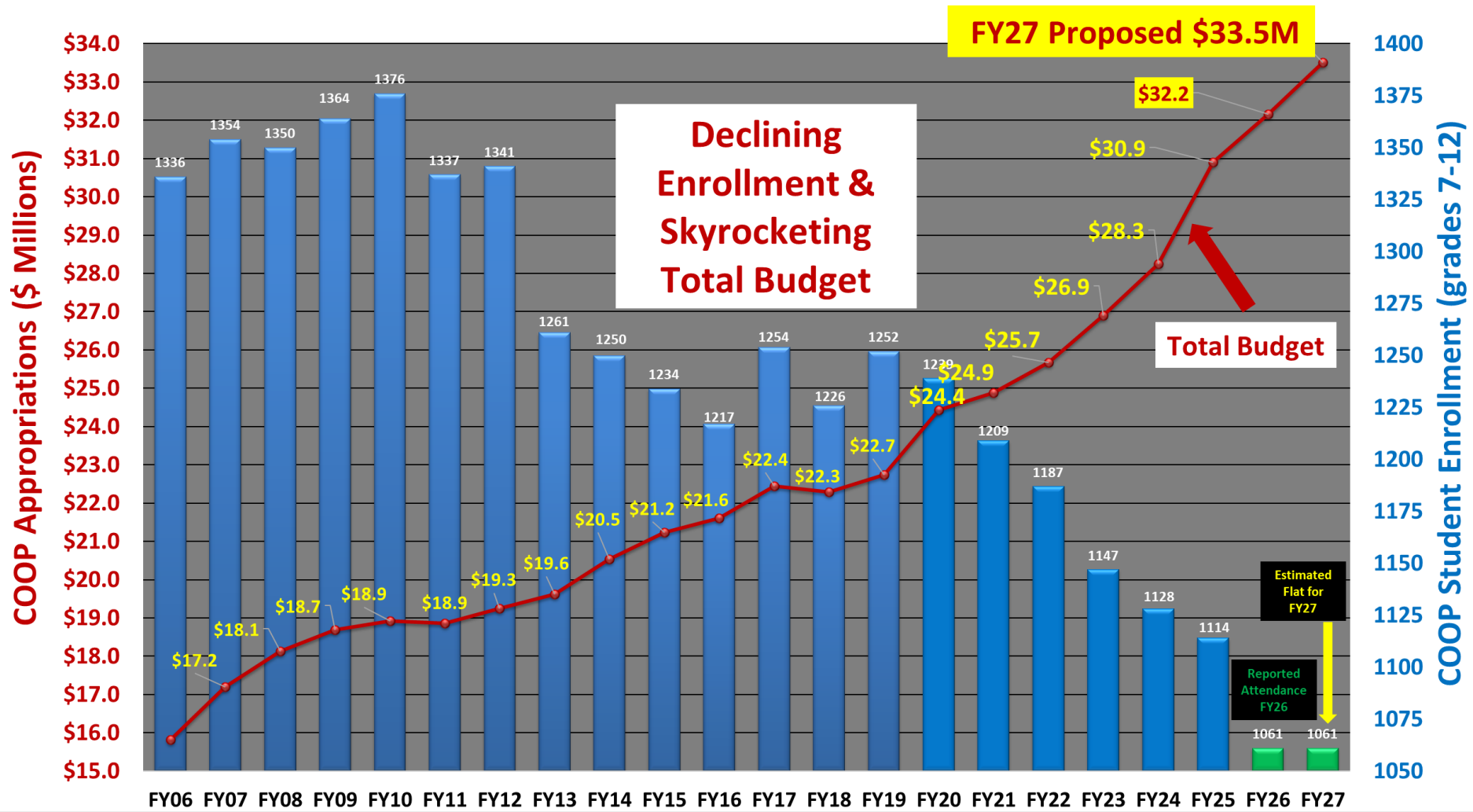

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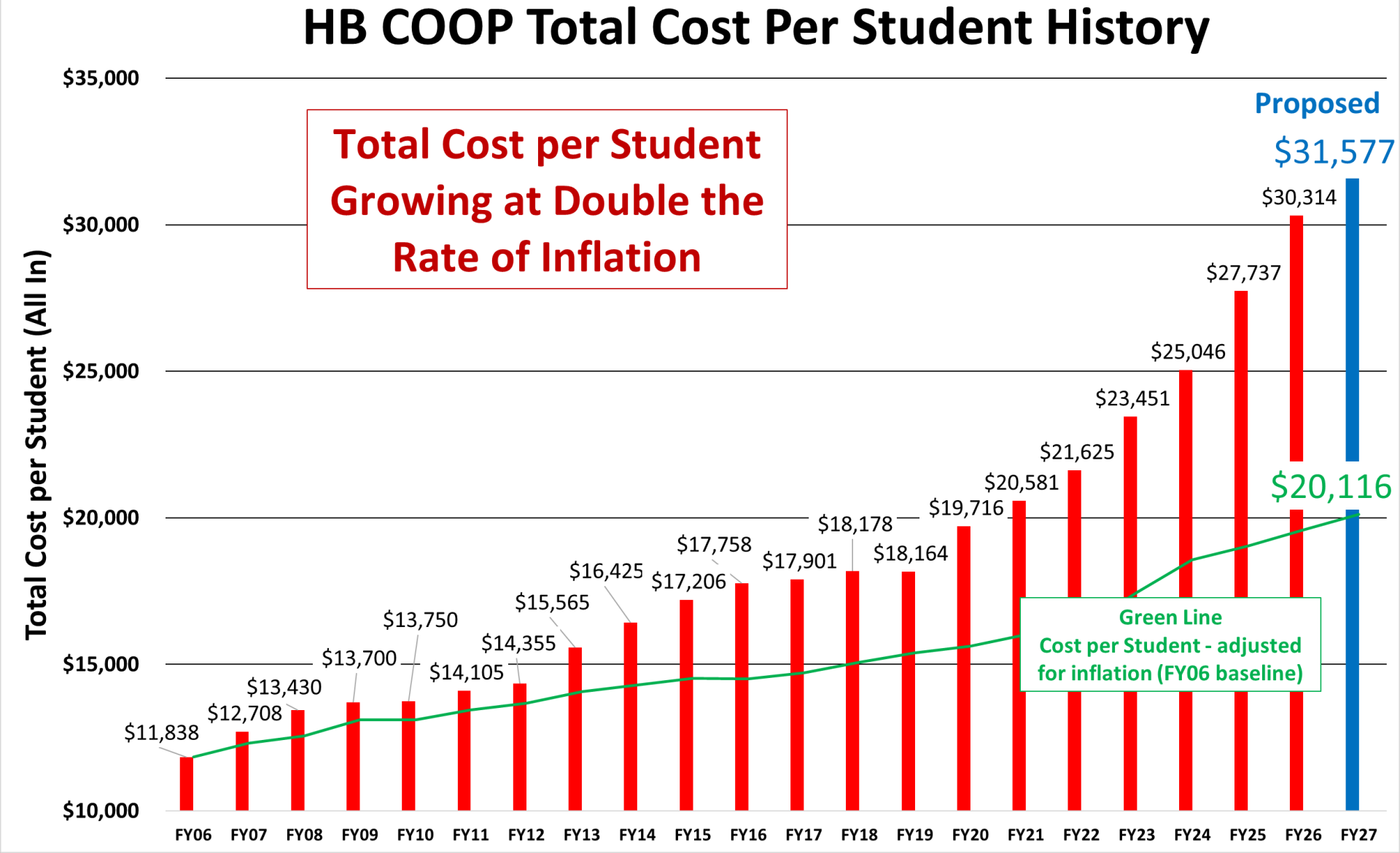


FY2027 Warrrant Articles

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 *% change from prior year*	$33,503,298 *+4.2%*
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%

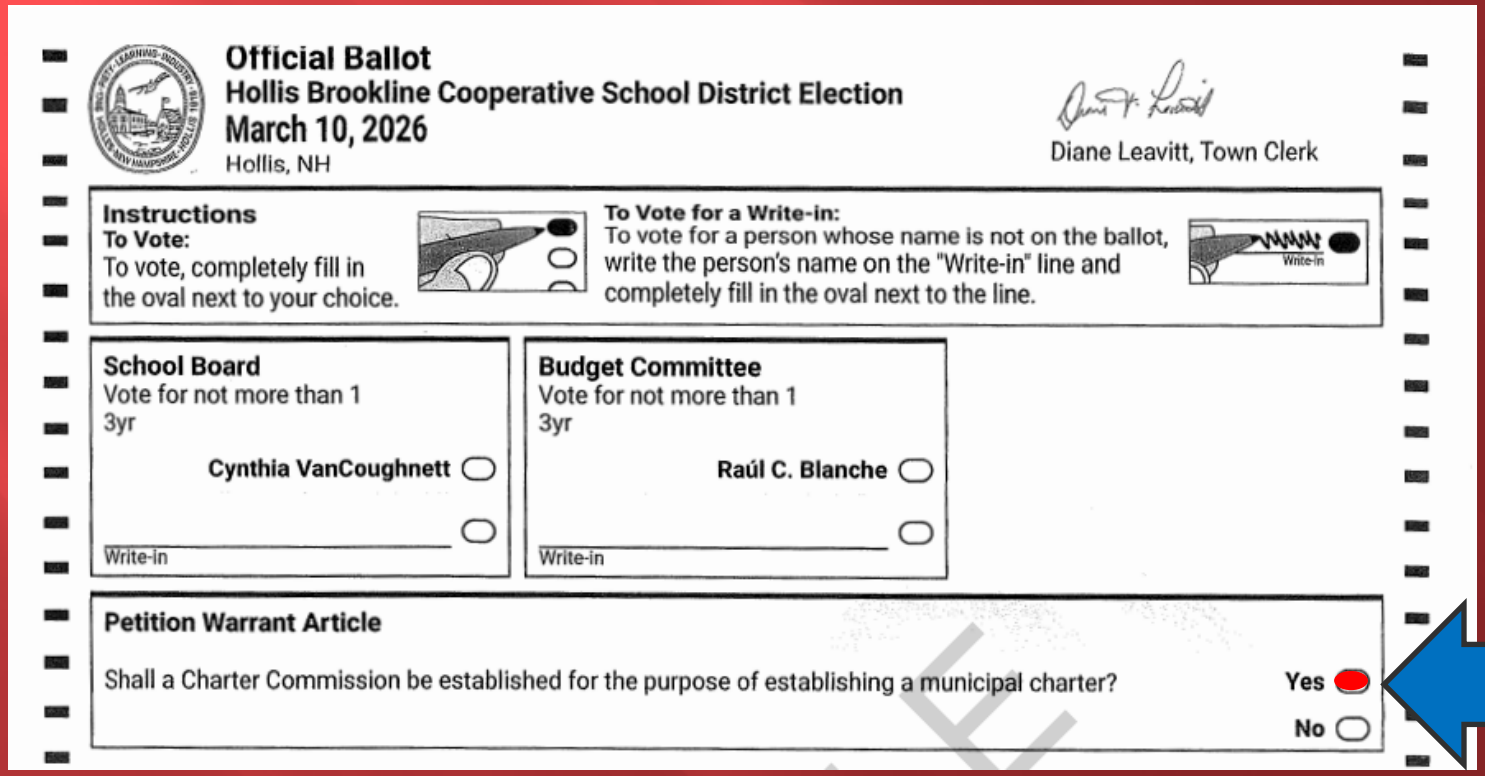
Courtesy of Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District Budget Committee

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, 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.

School Board
Vote for not more than 1
3yr
Cynthia VanCoughnett
Write-in

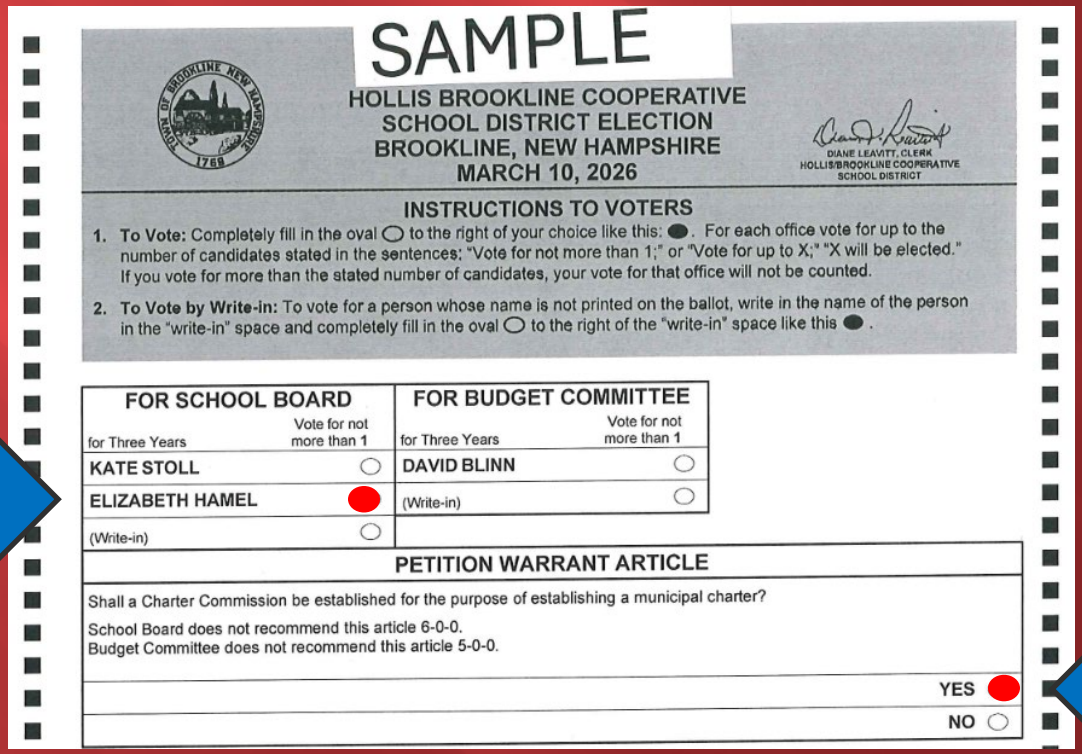
Budget Committee
Vote for not more than 1
3yr
Raúl C. Blanche
Write-in

Petition Warrant Article
Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of establishing a municipal charter?
Yes
No

Hollis Co-Op Ballot

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

1. **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.
2. **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 Three Years	Vote for not more than 1	FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE for Three Years	Vote for not more than 1
KATE STOLL	○	DAVID BLINN	○
ELIZABETH HAMEL	●	(Write-in)	○
(Write-in)	○		

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.

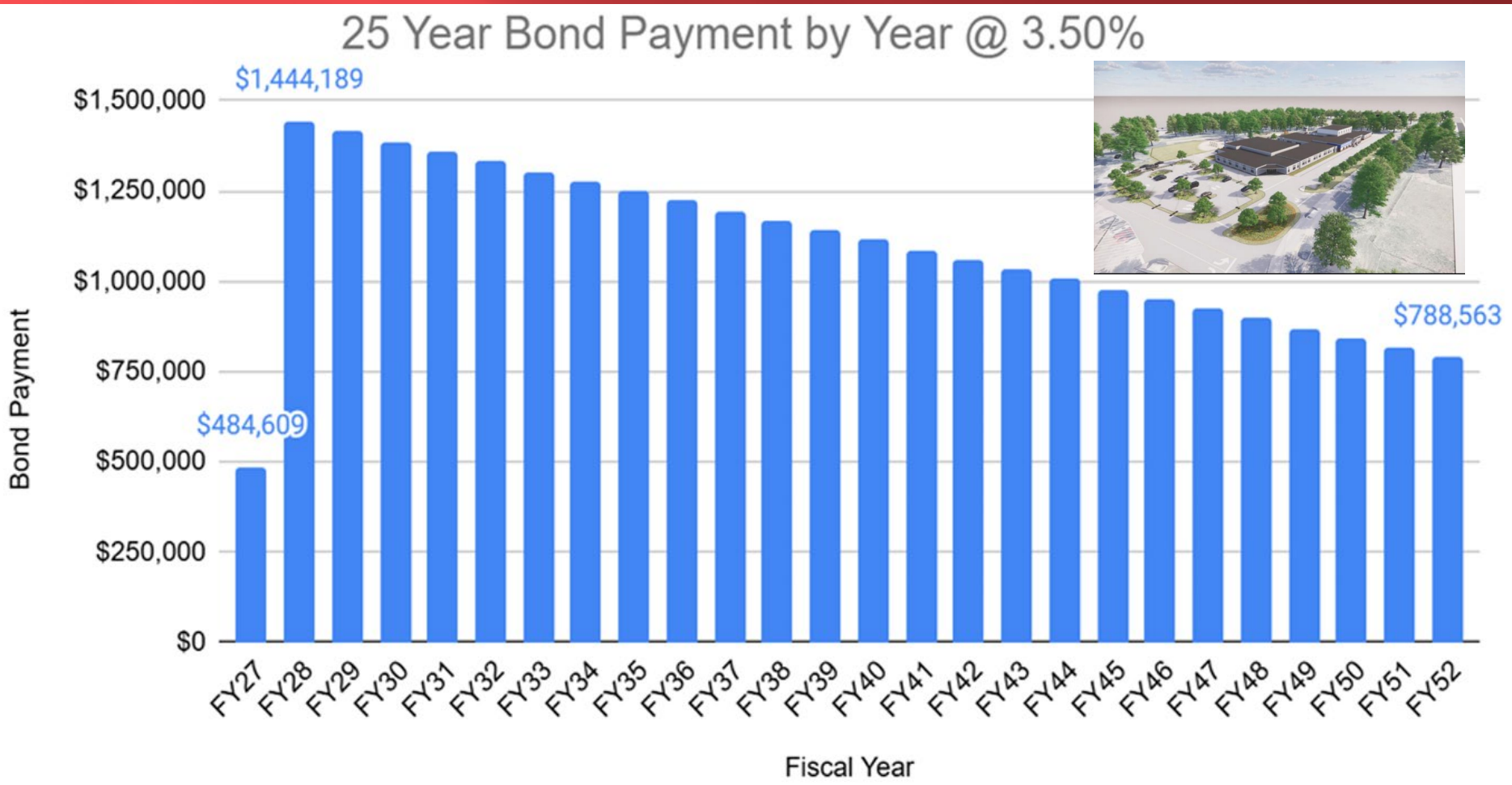
YES ●
NO ○

Brookline Co-Op Ballot

$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



Courtesy of Hollis Budget Committee Presentation – Feb. 10, 2026

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)