

BEACON HILL UPDATE

Hull School Committee



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Agenda

- FY23 Budget Recap
- Recent Accomplishments of the Legislature
- Legislation of Interest
- Questions

FY2023 Budget Recap

\$52.7 Billion Budget Plan for Fiscal Year 2023

- Incorporates an upgraded \$39.6 billion tax revenue forecast
- Stabilization Fund has reached \$7.35 billion

Education

- \$1.18 billion for the Early Education and Care sector
- New SOA Fund balance of \$500 million
- \$6 billion to public schools through Ch. 70 funding (increase of \$495 million over FY22)
 - Hull Ch.70: \$ 3,948,836
- \$110 million for a year-long extension of universal school meals
- \$82.1 million for regional school transportation
- \$29.4 million for METCO
- \$441 million for the Special Education Circuit Breaker, which represents an estimated 75% reimbursement rate
- \$243.8 million for charter school reimbursement

FY2023 Budget Recap

Local Aid

- \$1.23 billion in funding for Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) (increase of \$63 million over FY22)
 - Hull UGGA: \$2,454,919
 - Hull Chapter 70: \$3,948,836

Supporting Local Causes

- \$20,000 for the Noreen Deady Memorial Fund
- \$20,000 for Campbell Christmas Angels
- \$20,000 for Lifesaving Museum

Additional Local Funding

2022 Dam and Seawall Grants- Coastal Construction

- \$3 Million- Nantasket Avenue Seawall Repair

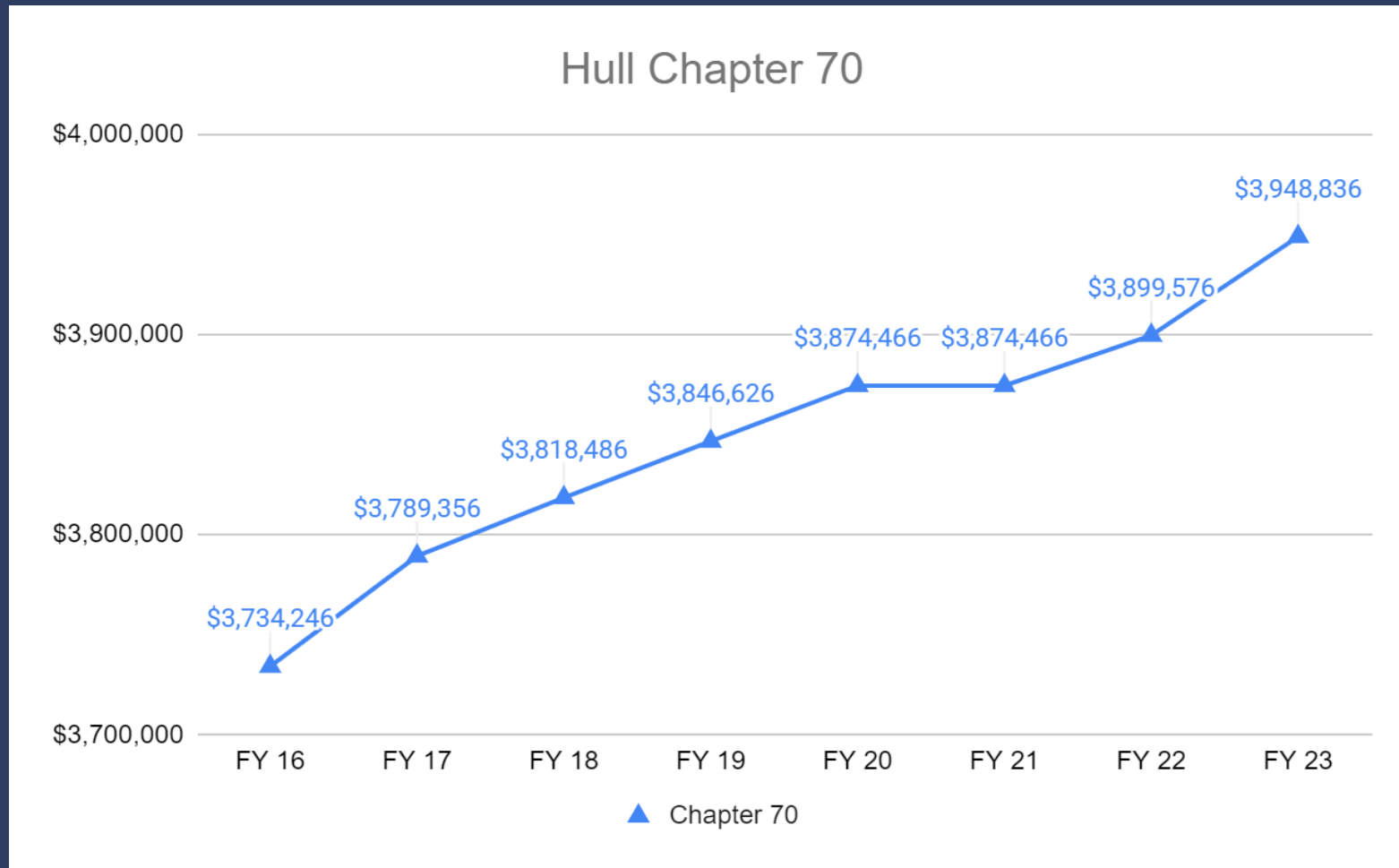
Supporting Local Causes in Economic Development Bill

- \$25,000 for Wellspring Multi-Service Center
- \$25,000 for Friends of Hull Scouting
- \$25,000 for the Hull Senior Center

Hull In The Budget

Fiscal Year	FY22	FY23 (Final)	Change (%)
Chapter 70	\$3,899,576	\$3,948,836	+1.26%
UGGA	\$2,329,145	\$2,454,919	+5.26%

Hull In The Budget



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ESSER I	\$122,779
ESSER II	\$274,746
ESSER III	\$962,051 Allocated; \$112,405 Claimed

Legislation Signed Into Law

Student Nutrition

Promoting student nutrition through increased access to school meals. This legislation helps school districts and schools, where a majority of students are low-income, to enroll in federal programs—known as the Community Eligibility Provision and Provision 2—to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students. This bill minimizes families' meal debt by requiring school districts to maximize federal revenues and direct the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to assist them in doing so. When students do accrue debt, it requires school districts to determine whether they are eligible for free- or reduced-price meals. Finally, this bill prohibits schools from targeting students who carry meal-related debt with punitive practices, banning so called 'meal-shaming.'

An Act to promote student nutrition ([S.298/H3999](#))
was signed into law on **October 14, 2021**, as **Chapter 62 of the Acts of 2021**.

Legislation Signed Into Law

Genocide Education

Educating students on genocide and human rights. In response to growing concerns regarding anti-Semitic incidences in the Commonwealth, this legislation requires every middle school and high school in the Commonwealth to include instruction on the history of genocide. This bill establishes a Genocide Education Trust Fund to promote and educate middle and high school students on the history of genocide. Funds in this trust will be used for the instruction of middle and high school students on the history of genocide and to ensure the development of curricular materials, as well as to provide professional development training to assist educators in the teaching of genocide.

An Act concerning genocide education ([S.2557](#))
was signed into law on **December 2, 2021**, as **Chapter 98 of the Acts of 2021**.

Legislation Signed Into Law

Mental Health

Addressing barriers to care through the Mental Health ABC Act 2.0.

- Implements 988 Hotline
- Initiates a public awareness campaign on the Commonwealth's red flag law
- Mandates coverage and eliminates prior authorization for mental health acute treatment and stabilization services for adults and children
- Establishes an Office of Behavioral Health Promotion
- Increases access to care for those in school and individuals in geographically isolated areas
- Creates a Roadmap for Access to Culturally Competent Care

*An Act addressing barriers to care for mental health ([S.3097](#))
was signed into law on **August 10, 2022**, as **Chapter 177 of the Acts of 2022**.*

Legislation of Interest

EDUCATOR DIVERSITY

An Act Relative to Educator Diversity did not pass this session. It was reported out favorably and is with House Ways & Means. If passed, it would:

- Establish alternative certifications for aspiring teachers
- Create an educator data dashboard
- Require districts to appoint officers or teams to set plans and ensure compliance
- Create an educator diversity grant fund.

Though this hasn't passed yet, we did see the inclusion of a new \$15M line item in the FY23 budget focused on supporting teachers of color. \$7.5M is allocated towards Tomorrow's Teachers program to provide scholarships to people committed to teaching in public schools. The other \$7.5M will go towards loan repayment programs for teachers of color.

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