

**Hopkinton Middle School**  
**Executive Summary**  
**January 7, 2010**

## **I. Budget Overview**

Under the Superintendent's budget, one of three grade six, four member teams will become a team of three. Teachers assigned to the three member team will each teach Social Studies as well as their core subject. The second impact of the Superintendent's budget would be the elimination of one related arts course. This move can be somewhat mitigated by moving the middle school to a trimester schedule. By going to a trimester schedule, the current student prep can be eliminated, and related arts time on learning increased by five hours per course for all trimester courses. Class sizes for all related arts courses will average 25/26. At 2.65 percent, one additional grade six teacher will be eliminated, as would an additional related arts course. The elimination of the second related arts course would bring back the student prep.

## **II. Personnel Summary**

To achieve the Superintendent's budget, the middle school staff would be reduced by two teachers; one grade six teacher, and one related arts instructor. The impact would be;

- One three member team consisting of Math, Science, and ELA, with Social Studies being taught by each member of the three member team, or twenty percent of the time. All classes will average 23 students.
- The elimination of a Computer Education instructor, which impacts **Priority Initiative 1B**.
- Increases Co-Curricular stipends by \$3,000.

To accomplish the 2.65 percent goal:

- One additional grade six teacher would be eliminated, thereby increasing class size (10 sections) to 25 and creating a two member mini team to teach Math/Science and ELA/ Social Studies This reduction impacts **Priority Initiative 4A**.
- One additional related arts teacher would be eliminated. This scenario would create, even with a trimester, one student prep. Average class size would be 25. This impacts **Priority Initiative 1B**.
- Co-Curricular stipends would be reduced by \$4,000, thereby reducing the amount of clubs and activities available to students. This reduction impacts **Priority Initiative 4C**.

## **III. Expense Summary**

Under the Superintendent's budget, there are no major reductions (-\$5,866 for all accounts).

The 2.65 budget reduces MsS Office supplies an additional \$4,021, MS Undistributed Equipment \$4,250, MS General Supplies, \$2,644, and MS Life Skills Supplies \$9,200.