

TO: Board of Education
FROM: MVMcG
RE: Program Enhancement
DATE: 31 January 2013

A number of community residents have expressed their interest in my proposing a budget that funds education "as it ought to be," not just as it has to be to preserve what we already have (also possibly eroding it at the margins). I told Suzanne yesterday that I wouldn't be surprised if we got a request to know what such a budget might look like, so in the spirit of "no surprises," I thought I should send you the following (not necessarily in priority order):

Restore to 12-13 Level

1. Restore Helping Teacher in English Language Arts
2. Restore Middle School Librarian
3. Restore MS Computer Teacher (0.5)
4. Restore Center for Innovation

Add New to Personnel

5. Add Middle School Mandarin Teacher
6. Add HS Computer Teacher -increase sections of coding
7. Add HS Robotics Teacher
8. Add Computer Technician
9. Add Website technical support
10. Add Communications Director

Add New to Non-Personnel

11. Increase funding for health insurance
12. Add funding for auditorium seats
13. Add funding for purchase of truck
14. Add funding to digitize archives

The list is suggestive, not exhaustive. I wouldn't displace existing programs, services or positions to restore or add these ones; actual consideration of any of them would require further definition. For example, it's possible that a position for Robotics instruction might somehow be integrated with a computer teaching position.

n.b. Since writing the original version of this memo, I attended parent meeting at which I was asked what items I would include in a more progressive (as distinct from "very careful") budget, so we may anticipate that this question will be raised in other settings.