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TO: School Committee  
FROM: Howard Barber, Business Administrator  
  
RE: Supplemental Request from Free-Cash  
DATE: December 12, 2016

Supplemental Request from Free-Cash:

Due to a deficit between the Greenfield Public Schools School Committee’s FY17 Budget and operating costs and the Budget voted by Town Council, the School Department requests \$387,060 in order to meet current expenses in the Greenfield School Department’s FY17 operating budget relating directly to Special Education Out of District Tuition. The Budget, Finance & Negotiations sub-committee endorses this supplemental request that was included and presented in the building of the Fiscal Year 2017 budget.

**Rationale – Special Education Out of District**

The Director of Pupil Services, under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, has initiated a review of all Out of District placements and personally oversees all such placements to ensure we are meeting the legal requirement for placement of students in the “Last Restrictive Environment.” Tuition for Out of District students whose needs cannot be met via specialized in-district programming ranges from \$40,000 to \$400,000 per pupil. These very large and highly fluctuating costs are projected in advance, but small changes to student populations can result in high cost differentials. For FY18, the projected total of all Out of District placements is \$2,792,171. The request of \$250,000 is necessary to meet tuition costs of students currently attending such specialized placements. Due to restrictions on the use of Circuit Breaker funds, the request of \$137,060 is necessary to access the funds previously awarded for special educational costs from the state.

Proposed Motion relative to Supplemental Request from Free-Cash:

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*By the Greenfield School Committee*

Cc: JH

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