

GREENFIELD SCHOOLS  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

REPORT ON GRANTS, FUNDS, AND SPECIAL REVENUE  
July 18, 2012

Greenfield Schools have supplemental revenue from a variety of state, federal, and local sources. In all but a few instances these funds are used to supplement Greenfield's basic school appropriation and cannot be used for classroom teachers. Public schools have strict, sometimes onerous, guidelines for writing and administering state and federal grants. Public schools must request grant funds in portions, based on our accounting and use of funds in any quarter. All funds for every department are received and recorded by the city Treasurer's office. If anyone should bring even a check to the school district, the check must be brought to the city Treasurer to deposit.

Special education grants include positions Greenfield schools would need to fund if the grant funding were not available. This is why school systems have such turmoil when funding is cut for grants that include required special education personnel.

Federal grant balances in any year can be rolled into the next year as a separate carry-over grant, subject to specific guidelines and percentages. We actually plan carefully for carry-forward funding to meet selected program needs, e.g. summer services.

It takes years to learn about all the public school grant programs and how they can be used. Funding the entire school system requires knowledge of grants, their allowable and unallowable uses. Central office administrators have to strategically plan our grants each year to try to strategically meet needs not met by the school committee's appropriation.

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, stimulus grants ended—those that supported essential teacher positions needed in Greenfield. In 2012-2013, we planned for approximately \$600,000 (saving choice money each year and managing grants) to cover brand new teachers needed and costs for setting up their new classrooms for those teachers. We have to absorb approximately \$500,000 of needed teacher costs into our general fund budget from the JOBS grant that ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, due primarily to Greenfield students returning to Greenfield schools (this should be reducing "choice sending" costs and increasing state education aid in the city's budget).

Today, schools are highly regulated, like hospitals—space and personnel. Almost every person hired has to have some type of specific training or license. Our services and interactions are monitored by dozens of state and federal agencies and independent auditors. There are over 2,000 statutory provisions just for implementing special education. The majority of our staff are required to hold qualification certificates—food service, administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, drivers, and specialists. Many people do not realize the complexity of managing a school system's funding and coordinating the general fund budget with ever-changing grants and funds. As of July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, certain grant awards for 2012-2013 have not been announced.

Greenfield Public Schools  
FY12 Special Revenue Funds

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GRANTS: Must be spent per grant requirements (non-discretionary); may not supplant; must be supplemental.

Fund	Description	Revenue	Comments
1401	Fund: FY 12 ELT Grant (225) - 1401	\$837,200	Expands GMS (including Math & Science Academy) and Newton school day by 90 minutes. Provides for enrichment and add'l salaries for the add'l 90 minutes. Has only one full-time person—an arts teacher. Does not replace any needed classroom teachers
1402	Fund: FY12 SPED IDEA (240) – 1402	\$610,667	All for special education personnel Greenfield would need if this grant did not exist—teachers, speech therapists, etc.
1403	Fund: FY12 Title I (305) – 1403	\$721,868	Cannot replace classroom teachers. Provides remedial teachers in math and reading, supplies for math and reading. K-7 only. GHS is not in Title I.
1404	Fund: FY12 Ed Jobs (206) – 1404	\$581,163	An Obama stimulus grant for to augment needed positions. Ends forever June 30, 2012. We must absorb almost all these positions.
1405	Fund: FY12 Kindergtrn Grant (701) – 1405	\$84,390	Kindergarten aides. Approx 75% of 8 K aides.
1406	Fund: FY12 CFCE (EEC) (237) – 1406	\$69,882	Community outreach grant for the preschool. The grant supports a part-time coordinator, secretary, and consultants. This amount decreases every year.
1407	Fund: FY12 Early Childhood (EEC) (262) – 1407	\$21,793	Provides part-time speech therapist for inclusion services at preschool.
1408	Fund: FY12 Inclusv PS Learn (EEC) (391) – 1408	\$114,512	Provides partial salaries for three teachers at Greenfield's integrated preschool.
1409	Fund: FY12 UPK (EEC) (511) – 1409	\$18,628	Funds 1 or 2 part-time paraprofessionals to help with work sampling and data collection (assessment system for our preschool)

Explanation of Revenue Sources—Grants and Funds, 2011-2012

1410	Fund: FY12 Title IIA Tchr Qual (140) – 1410	\$129,306	Helps fund professional development programs to ensure all teachers are highly qualified and well-trained, meeting state requirements. We hire one teacher with these funds (allowed for class-size reduction). Requires a % funding for private schools.
1411	Fund: FY12 Academic Supp Serv (632) – 1411	\$10,200	A supplement to GHS tutoring to make sure students who failed the grade 10 MCAS can pass and be graduated. Pays a portion for a part-time coordinator for this project.
1412	Fund: FY12 Race To the Top (201) – 1412	\$145,438	GPS is using RTTT funding to: train and implement new state requirements for teacher evaluation, align curriculum to new state frameworks, develop innovative GHS curriculum, and meet new data management requirements. Not for hiring teachers.
1413	Fund: FY12 Title IIA Carryover (140) - 1413	\$39,940	We can carry over a balance in federal grants. We plan for carryover to help with summer services in the next year, teacher training, and grant coordination.
1414	Fund: FY12 Title I Carryover (305) – 1414	\$163,628	We can carry over any balance in federal grants. We plan for this. Used for targeted tutoring for students behind in reading, to cover required summer services, and help fund supply needs for elementary school classrooms (very expensive annual costs)
1415	Fund: FY12 Target Grant – 1415	\$700	Teacher-written to support a field trip
1416	Fund: FY12 Literacy Prof Dev Grant (738) – 1416	\$13,000	Used to support a consulting partnership for teacher training on research and best reading and writing programs for elementary school.
1417	Fund: FY12 Innovation Planning Grant (203) - 1417	\$10,000	To support costs of grade 4-5 teachers planning an innovation school curriculum for grades 4-5.
1418	Fund: FY12 SPED Improvement Grant (274) - 1418	\$20,981	Supports professional development for teachers of our most unique students in special education. Despite college training, there are dozens of specializations and techniques certain teachers have to learn
1420	Fund: Summer Food Program (542) - 1420	\$7,000	Supports feeding students in the summer.
1419	Fund: Tutorial Support Grant	\$20,000	Written to provide tutorial study support after school to students in low-income housing projects.

**Non-supplanting and Other Grant Requirements**

We have strict guidelines for every grant regarding specific use of each grant program's funds. Almost never can the grants replace local requirements to have classroom teachers and/or to supplant state, local, and other non-federal funds.

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**REVOLVING FUNDS – Must be Spent on the Program Generating the Revenue**

Fund	Description	Revenue	Comments
1200	School Lunch	\$979,704	We feed all our students breakfast and lunch according to strict federal guidelines. All the food, furniture, and staff are paid from the revolving fund.
1502	School Music Gift Fund	\$5,000	
1503	Athletics	\$20,331	
1504	Special Education Tuition In	\$71,484	\$68,000 pays the tuition/program costs of one autistic child from a neighboring town, using our program.
1507	High School Summer School	\$12,150	Self-funded program for the region—high school course credit recovery.
1508	School Building Rental	\$16,599	\$\$ is used to pay for custodians or others who must be present during events when school is used and clean up afterwards.
1509	Preschool Tuition	\$134,013	We support three early childhood teachers and three early childhood teacher assistants through these fees.
1509A	AEL Wrap Program	\$30,720	Preschool parents pay for childcare after preschool. Accommodates working parents.
1511	After School Program	\$62,303	K-4 parents pay for childcare after school, as needed, until 5:30 p.m. This is self-funded.
1515	Circuit Breaker	\$518,933	A portion of expense for the most costly and unique special education students and their services. Circuit breaker plus general fund should equal actual annual expenses. In GPS, there is a funding gap—a situation critical to address for school system stability.

Explanation of Revenue Sources—Grants and Funds, 2011-2012

1518	Virtual School Program	\$2,259,800	School is funded by the school choice \$5,000/child that comes to the city. A self-funded program. Enrollment last year was approx. 460 FTE.
1521	School Choice	\$345,158	42-59 children; goes up a few each year now. We receive \$5,000/child plus 100% of special education costs. Money was mostly saved, not spent, to support new teachers needed for 2012-2013. Also used to support Math/Science Academy and other needs.

PRIVATE GIFTS – SPENT AS SPECIFIED BY DONOR

Fund	Description	Revenue	Comments
1769	Greenfield Education Foundation	\$38,272	Philanthropic gifts based on teacher and administrator requests for "extras" GPS could otherwise not afford. Has been a blessing, really—science equipment, library books, team uniforms, music instruments.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS - MUST BE SPENT PER GUIDELINES ON SCHOLARSHIPS

Fund	Description	Revenue	Comments
8201	Woodlock School Athletic Trust	\$154.57	
8212	Education trust Fund	\$42.73	
8218	Class of 1938 School Music Fund	\$20.30	
8224	High School Scholarship Fund	\$65.20	
8228	Franceschi-Green Scholarship	\$619.66	
8230	Ross Burns Science Scholarship	\$5.94	
8232	Dziekanski Scholarship Fund	\$6.41	