

2017 METCO Program Report

Report on the impact of the grant program on student outcomes, the expenditure of funds by districts, and the extent to which the services rendered by Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity support the goals of the grant program.

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Introduction

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) respectfully submits this Report to the Legislature pursuant to Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2008, line item 7010- 0012:

“For grants to cities, towns and regional school districts for payments of certain costs and related expenses for the program to eliminate racial imbalance, established under section 12A of chapter 76 of the General Laws; provided, that funds shall be made available for payment for services rendered by the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) Inc. and Springfield public schools; provided further, that all grant applications submitted to and approved by the department of elementary and secondary education shall include a detailed line item budget specifying how such funds shall be allocated and expended; and provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall submit a report on the impact of the grant program on student outcomes, the expenditure of funds by districts, and the extent to which the services rendered by METCO, Inc. support the goals of the grant program to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than December 1, 2017.....”

METCO Overview

Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) Inc. has a contract with the Department to support participating districts and have been the service provider for over fifty years with the primary role of providing direct services to participating students, families and school districts. The districts provide a broad based educational program for all students, and METCO, Inc. provides additional options for tutorial programs, enrichment, remedial and referral services for METCO students in need of additional support.

The METCO program serves as the Boston based central office for all Boston METCO parents, students and the general public requesting information about the program. When schools are in session, METCO is open from six-thirty in the morning until eight o'clock at night. and some Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for specific purposes. They provide meeting space for parent groups, the MPLC (METCO Parent Legislative Committee) and the alumni association and maintain and monitor the waiting list for interested families. There have been 858 students added to the waiting list this year and currently, there are approximately 8,485 students on the waiting list.

The Department is pleased to begin working with METCO, Inc.'s new chief executive officer, Milagros (Milly) Arbaje-Thomas, who started her new role in February 2018, and the METCO, Inc. board of directors, as the organization outlines new strategic goals.

New Applicants on Waiting List During the Period July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Breakdown by Race

Total Students - 858	
African American	485
Asian	57
Caucasian	16
Hispanic	216
Native American	0
Other	56
Undesignated	28

Breakdown by Grade

Grade	Number Registered	Grade	Number Registered
PK	494	5	28
K	66	6	31
1	39	7	28
2	25	8	20
3	29	9	27
4	29	10-12	42

Active Waitlist as of June 30, 2017 – Breakdown by Race

Total Students on Active Waiting list – 8,485	
African American	5,089
Asian	371
Caucasian	90
Hispanic	2,102
Native American	39
Other	615
Undesignated	179

Active Waitlist as of June 30, 2017 – Breakdown by Grade

Grade	Number Registered	Grade	Number Registered
PK	1,014	5	740
K	582	6	679
1	559	7	683
2	581	8	669
3	631	9	719
4	713	10-12	915

2017-2018 Referral and Placement to Districts

METCO's placement process for the 2017-2018 year began in October 2016 when parents of children who had been referred but had not been placed were asked to update their child's referral/placement packet.

In late November and December mailings went out to parents of students on the waiting list in grades K-9 inviting them to an information session. **Fifteen** sessions were conducted with over **581** parents attending.

In June 2017, **587 placement packets** folders were referred to districts and as of July 2017, **174** of those students were placed in districts.

Demographic Report 2017-2018

Org Code	District Name	Total	Fem.	Male	AA	Asian	Hisp.	Multi-race	Native Amer.	Native Haw.	White	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
0010	Arlington	76	34	42	65	4	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	8	6	10	4	10	5	8	6	7	6
0023	Bedford	98	53	45	80	0	15	1	0	0	2	6	6	7	6	7	5	8	8	10	6	7	12	10
0026	Belmont	102	52	50	67	2	22	9	0	0	2	8	1	6	7	7	10	4	9	7	10	11	12	10
0040	Braintree	24	11	13	16	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	4	1	2	2	1	5	0
0046	Brookline	292	165	127	186	11	73	17	0	0	5	33	24	24	20	18	20	21	21	20	31	26	18	16
0065	Cohasset	47	34	13	38	0	3	3	1	0	2	4	5	4	5	2	4	4	3	3	2	3	3	5
0067	Concord	78	42	36	59	1	17	1	0	0	0	10	7	8	7	7	5	14	10	10	0	0	0	0
0078	Dover	8	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0087	East Longmeadow	42	25	17	23	1	15	2	0	0	1	5	3	2	2	2	1	6	4	3	2	5	3	4
0099	Foxborough	37	24	13	28	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	5	2	3	8	3	7
0131	Hingham	42	20	22	30	0	11	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	7	1	1	9	3	2	4	1	3	5
0155	Lexington	219	127	92	164	6	43	6	0	0	0	8	21	17	25	24	14	28	6	22	14	14	10	16
0157	Lincoln	84	44	40	43	2	37	2	0	0	0	7	14	11	11	8	9	9	5	10	0	0	0	0
0159	Longmeadow	34	16	18	22	0	9	3	0	0	0	5	4	3	2	4	3	4	0	2	1	2	1	3
0164	Lynnfield	35	15	20	25	0	9	1	0	0	0	1	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	1	2	3	4	1
0168	Marblehead	74	37	37	58	0	14	2	0	0	0	0	1	5	6	4	3	10	8	5	7	7	8	10
0178	Melrose	127	72	55	102	0	19	6	0	0	0	0	6	2	4	14	8	21	12	6	8	14	15	17
0198	Natick	53	30	23	35	1	13	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	12	6	8	8	7
0199	Needham	177	107	70	88	10	66	12	0	0	1	11	23	21	16	18	12	13	10	4	5	18	11	15
0207	Newton	431	226	205	258	28	114	28	0	0	3	19	34	41	40	40	37	21	27	36	41	46	26	22
0246	Reading	66	34	32	58	0	7	1	0	0	0	3	1	10	4	8	7	11	3	3	4	6	5	1
0264	Scituate	65	35	30	51	1	11	2	0	0	0	3	1	6	6	5	7	4	5	9	7	5	6	1
0266	Sharon	60	31	29	33	3	19	2	0	1	2	0	3	4	3	4	1	7	4	6	6	7	7	8
0269	Sherborn	10	8	2	8	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0288	Sudbury	67	35	32	52	0	13	2	0	0	0	0	7	9	9	10	10	9	10	3	0	0	0	0
0291	Swampscott	54	24	30	33	0	17	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	7	3	4	6	9	4	9	6
0305	Wakefield	70	40	30	42	3	22	1	0	1	1	0	4	7	0	2	9	8	6	4	9	6	7	8
0307	Walpole	42	29	13	28	0	11	0	0	0	3	0	4	6	3	1	4	2	3	1	5	5	6	2
0315	Wayland	136	73	63	110	3	13	6	0	2	2	3	5	8	9	18	15	11	11	10	14	15	6	11
0317	Wellesley	157	87	70	120	2	18	14	1	0	2	8	11	18	14	11	18	7	5	13	8	18	9	17
0330	Weston	161	89	72	110	2	33	9	0	1	6	12	14	15	12	12	15	11	10	13	10	13	10	14
0335	Westwood	49	25	24	41	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	13	7	7	8	4	3
0640	Concord-Carlisle	52	25	27	39	0	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	12	11	14	
0655	Dover-Sherborn	23	12	11	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	2	3	4	4	1
0680	Hampden-Wilbraham	14	10	4	9	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	5	0	0	3
0695	Lincoln-Sudbury	91	53	38	57	1	28	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	21	21	27	
0766	Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District	19	10	9	17	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1
	Total	3216	1758	1458	2226	81	715	146	6	7	35	153	207	251	237	249	256	276	232	245	277	305	256	271

Transportation Department

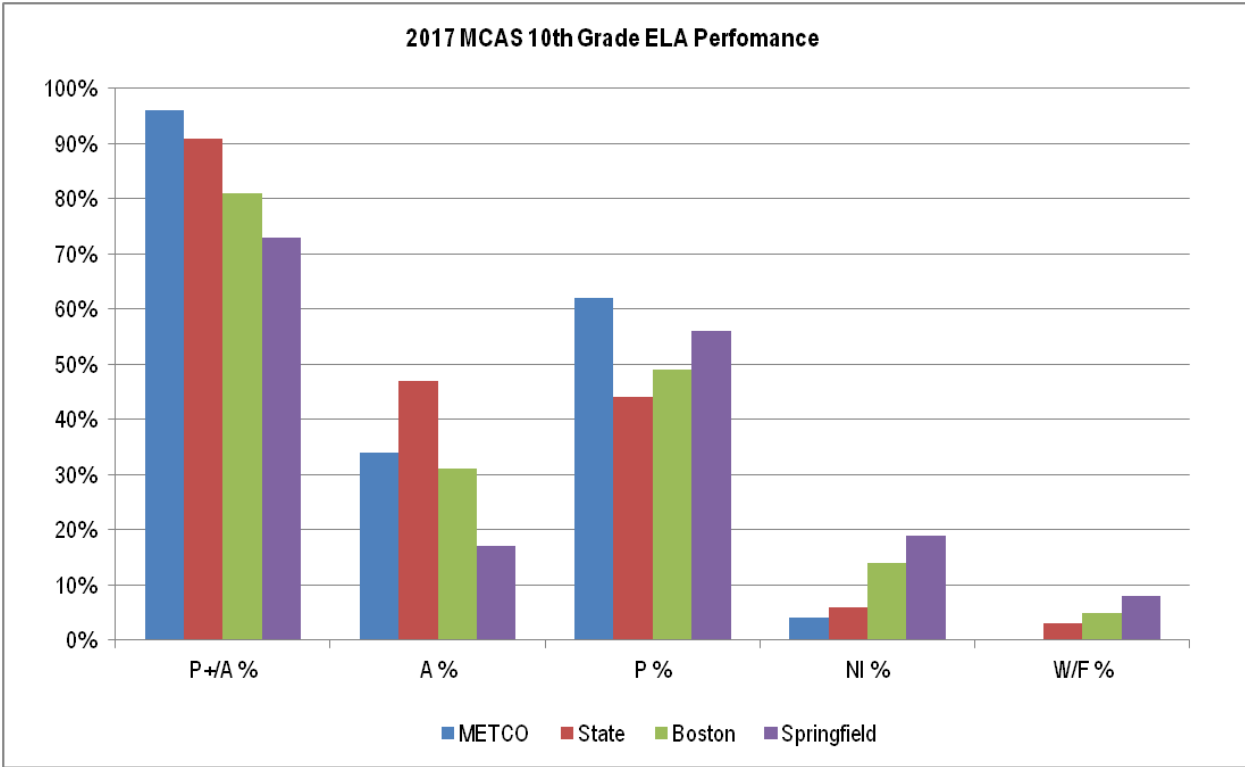
METCO provides and executes the administration of contracts with bus companies for fourteen school districts. Terms of the bid specifications and contracts are monitored for quality performance of the vendor to each school district.

The school districts are:

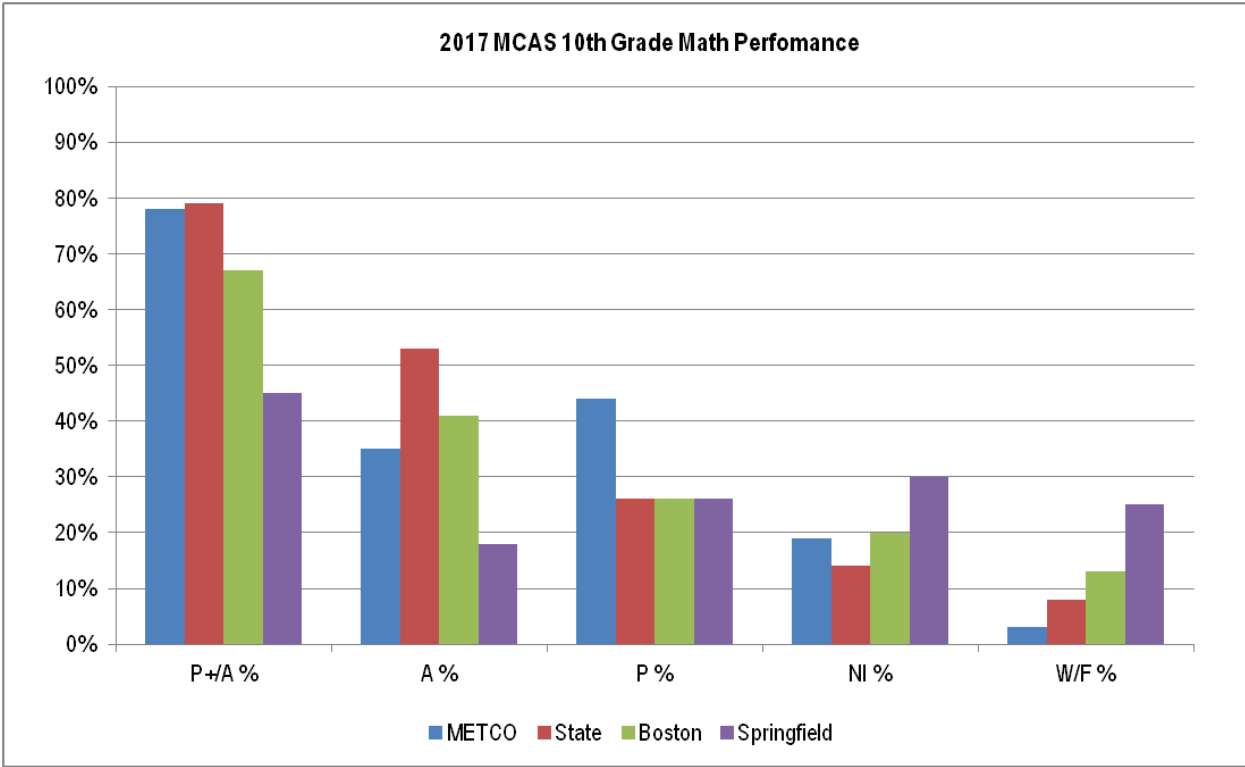
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- Belmont
- Braintree
- Cohasset
- Dover/Sherborn
- Hingham
- Foxboro
- Lexington
- Lincoln
- Lincoln/Sudbury
- Natick
- Scituate
- Sudbury
- Walpole

Bus vendors are expected to supply quality service and are monitored for fiscal and operational compliance. The management services include monitoring timely service on a daily basis for both a.m. and p.m. trips, work with the Business Manager to review invoices for accuracy, “field” telephone inquiries and problem solve. They are also expected to meet and communicate with bus company management personnel as necessary. In addition, they enforce disciplinary codes for safe riding and meet or communicate with school district personnel and METCO Directors.

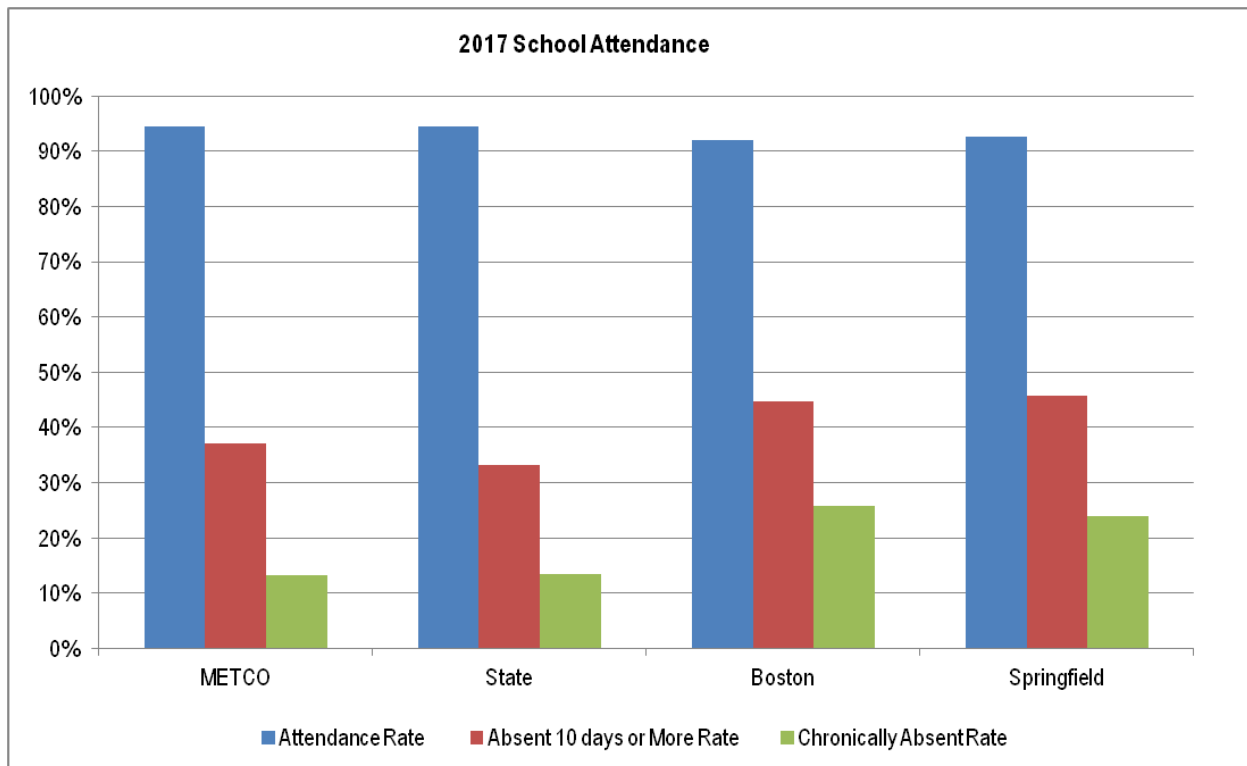
METCO Student Outcomes



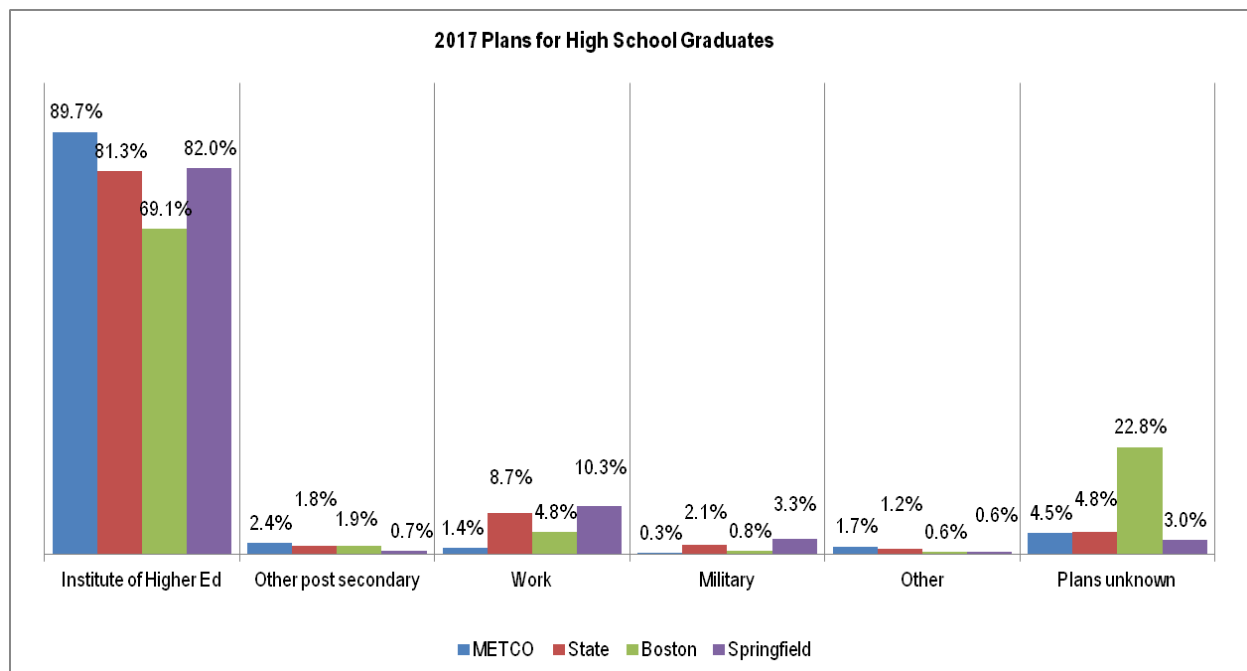
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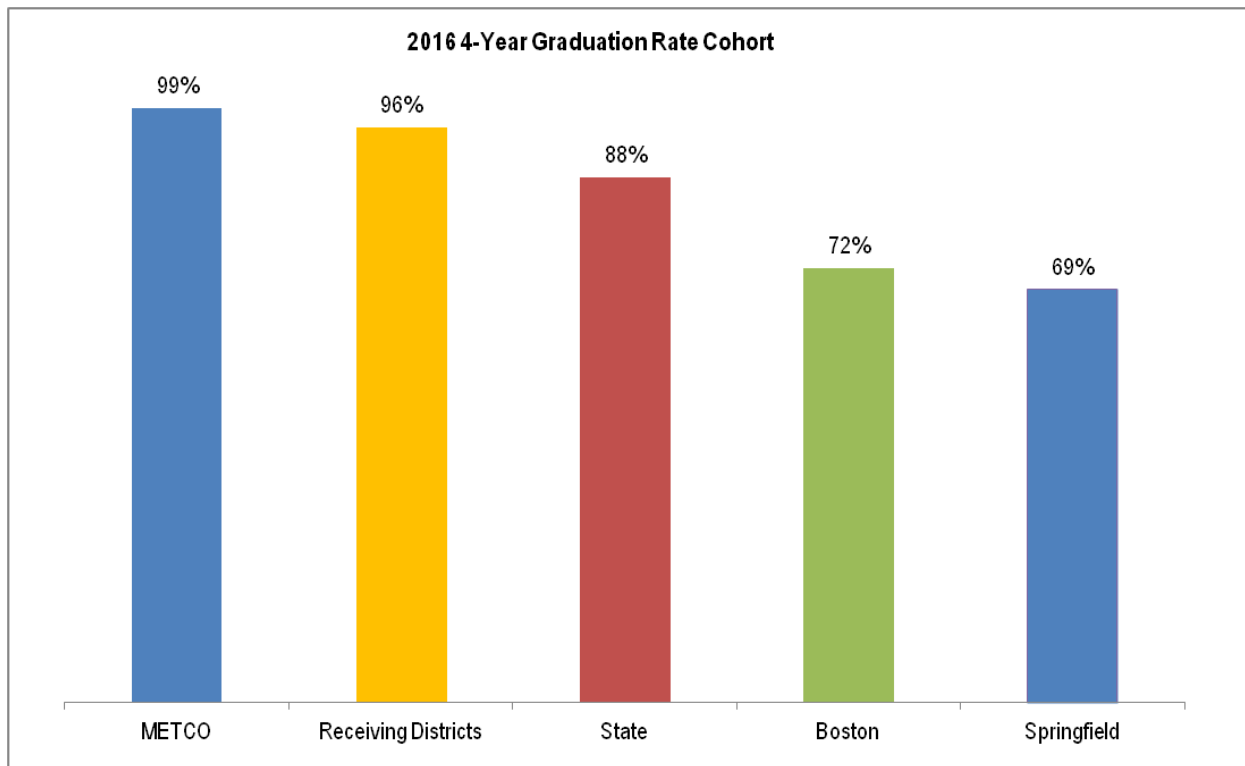
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School Districts Expenditure of Funds

FY17 Fund Use	Admin	Professional Staff	Support Staff	Fringe Benefits	Contract Services	Supplies Materials	Travel	Other Cost	Indirect Costs	Total Grant
Arlington P. S.	91,575	94,045	56,278		16,806	3,100	2,750	170,100		434,654
Bedford P.S.	129,739	30,000	66,827		62,388	3,788	4,006	306,417		603,165
Belmont P.S.	95,678	154,224	81,948	33,901		204	600	180,800		547,355
Braintree P.S.	51,672		32,798		1,596	733		108,796		195,595
Brookline P.S.	125,817	690,219	204,179		59,300	7,393	4,724	397,862	17,435	1,506,929
Cohasset P.S.	80,969	32,452			3,350	676	943	160,550		278,940
Concord P.S.	50,000	114,221	201,629					138,599		504,449
East Longmeadow P.S.	159,010					500		80,367		239,877
Foxboro P.S.	43,017	77,041	38,477					84,575		243,110
Hingham P.S.	61,000	20,514	20,592		5,900	3,500	4,500	111,057		227,063
Lexington P.S.	122,642	394,552	279,635		8,730	17,775	13,050	721,220		1,557,604
Lincoln P.S.	51,875	199,453	55,419		7,128	3,400		201,559		518,834
Longmeadow P.S.	3,000	81,292	38,354			1,300		87,164		211,110
Lynnfield P.S.	20,765	67,621			3,600			142,960		234,946
Marblehead P.S.	93,713	114,331	26,780	16,000	15,000	5,319	1,500	215,272		487,915
Melrose P.S.	124,000	221,000	60,553		21,000	1,000	38,100	240,460		706,113
Natick P.S.	79,326	91,982	825	20,000	1,000	2,900	335	150,500		346,868
Needham P.S.	235,698	84,266	255,301		40,330	45,486	3,095	336,421	12,870	1,013,467
Newton P.S.	117,799	1,241,482	165,756	86,955	15,425	4,000	4,000	869,931		2,505,348
Reading P.S.	76,458	100,000	7,000		4,519	700	4,050	217,353		410,080
Scituate P.S.	85,116	97,000	13,697		1,000		6,160	214,464		417,437
Sharon P.S.	63,953	76,287	16,927		44,270	24,003	4,600	203,636		433,676
Springfield P.S.	26,663		3,644	6,152	2,000	2,995		1,500	1,499	44,453
Sudbury P.S.	47,380	8,603	178,955		21,051	4,337	2,721	187,997		451,044
Swampscott P.S.	56,000	173,355	38,000			5,000		144,803		417,158
Wakefield P.S.	75,000		30,800		29,900		6,950	161,334		303,984
Walpole P.S.	86,033	89,808		10,000		802		88,615		275,258
Wayland P.S.	101,211	308,040	70,812		19,594	6,512	8,421	228,437		743,027
Wellesley P.S.	121,878	228,303	116,921	86,159	9,910	5,414	1,009	346,539		916,133
Weston P.S.	62,457	587,465	41,128					267,754		958,804
Westwood P.S.	90,054		40,643		6,051	28,826	525	82,334		248,433
Concord-Carlisle RSD	75,000	80,809	38,907		21,500	20,000	3,619	148,901		388,736
Dover-Sherborn RSD	75,771		24,037		7,357	3,600	2,079	100,104		212,948
Hampden-Wilbraham RSD	2,760	85,516					400	47,776		136,452
Lincoln-Sudbury RSD	47,150	91,714	20,000	12,816	66,000	58,350	5,755	209,863		511,648
Southwick/Tolland RSD		98,552					200	45,582		144,334
Total	\$2,830,179	\$5,734,147	\$2,226,822	\$271,983	\$494,705	\$261,613	\$124,092	\$7,401,602	\$31,804	\$19,376,947