

## CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT W. HEALY  
City Manager

April 29, 1982

Mayor Alfred E. Vellucci  
and Members of the Cambridge School Committee

Dear Mayor Vellucci:

With respect to your inquiry of me relative to the timing of the submittal of the School Budget to the City Manager and the assignment of State Aid, I advise you as follows:

First, Chapter 44, Section 32, requires that the Chief Executive submit to the City Council the annual budget within ninety days of the organization of the City Council (this has been increased to 120 days for FY83). This date is May 3, 1982. Case law, *Young vs. the City of Worcester* (333 Mass 724) and *Ilbig vs. Plymouth* (337 Mass 239, 149 NE2d 140) states that these requirements are applicable to estimates of the school committee and "that in view of the statutory provisions for City budgets set forth in this section, it is necessary that a school committee, in order to be in a position to insist that an appropriation be made, must get its estimates to the executive at least before the time of his submission of the budget to the Council".

Thus, it seems prudent that the School Committee should submit to me a budget that at least contains the total budget broken into the four statutory categories by Monday morning, May 3, 1982, as I intend to submit my budget to the City Council Monday evening. I do not need a detailed breakdown by that time, but I should have a total by four categories.

With respect to state aid distribution, this is an extremely complex issue. First of all, there is no approved legislation for state aid to cities and towns as of this writing. Second, the Cherry Sheets have not been received which would modify the amount available for distribution. More importantly, the issue of the assignment of the state aid must be clarified.

In the current fiscal year, the total state aid to Cambridge was \$17,220,300, of which \$8,591,840 was assigned to the school budget (see page III-23 and page IV-13 of Adopted Budget for FY82) or 49.89% of the total state aid for FY82. The total State Charges to the City in FY82 were \$9,910,940 of which only \$84,119 was charged to the school budget, less than one percent. Following this to its logical conclusion, this year's Cherry Sheet had negative impact on the non-educational budget of the City

as follows:

Total State Aid	\$17,220,300
State Aid assigned to School Budget	<u>8,591,840</u>
Total Available for non-Educational Budget	\$ 8,628,460
Total State Charges	\$ 9,910,940
State Charges to School Budget	<u>84,119</u>
Total Charges to non-Educational Budget	\$ 9,826,821
Aid for non-Educational Budget	\$ 8,628,460
Charges to non-Educational Budget	<u>9,826,821</u>
Cherry Sheet impact on non-Educational Budget is a negative	\$ 1,198,361

Based on this analysis, it will be my recommendation to the City Council that no more state aid will be assigned to the school budget for FY83 than has already been assigned.

The current assignment of state aid, assuming same aid by categories, is as follows:

B 1 Ch. 70 School Aid	\$ 6,349,995	
B 9 Transportation	68,010	
B10 School Construction	1,876,766	(New to School this year)
B11 Transportation	134,621	
B12 Special Needs Recreation	8,280	
B14 Residential School Costs	51,939	
B19 Magnet Education	250,000	
B20 Equal Education Improvement		
	Fund	70,800
B21 School Lunch Program	45,201	
Local Aid	1,613,000	(Same as FY82)
Local Aid	559,000	(New)
Total State Aid School Dept.	<u>\$11,027,612</u>	(Assumes level funding of categorical items (B))

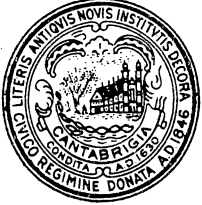
Increased allotment to School Department \$ 2,435,772

Thus, for planning purposes, I would not advise the School Committee to plan on any additional state aid other than the above amount.

I hope this clarifies the issue of state aid for the School Department.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
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May 3, 1982

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of my communication to the School Committee relative to the timing of the submittal of the School Budget to the City Manager and the assignment of State Aid.

Very truly yours,

  
Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

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Agenda Item Number Five

F-112

Re: timing of the submittal of the School Budget to the City Manager and the assignment of State Aid.

In City Council,

May 3, 1982

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