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From: Ron Hogan
To: "O'Donnell, Robert F (DESE)"
Date: Tue, 10 Mar 2026 14:41:07 +0000
Subject: Re: EOY Reports

Thanks Rob, I'll comb through. I always appreciate your willingness to respond with helpful information....the more we know, the better we can manage this locally and there's so many layers so thank you.

One very basic question....when the prelims come out, what is the basis for the cost assumptions used for the regional allocation (ie voke)? They haven't yet voted on a budget. Are there assumptions made over prior year? Just curious how you arrive at the voke numbers on that sheet.

Thanks again. Hope all is well.

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From: O'Donnell, Robert F (DESE) <Robert.F.O'Donnell@mass.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 12:34 PM
To: Ron Hogan <rhogan@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Subject: RE: EOY Reports

Hi Ron,

The charter reimbursement amount matches exactly with your final transition aid reimbursement, we don't count your facilities reimbursement (see more on that below):

The tuition is a little more complicated because we take the total tuition charged to the city, including school choice, from the highlighted columns and subtract your charter facilities tuition reimbursement. That math matches the \$10,072,239 (line 12) included under city/town on your NSS compliance report.

Let me know if you have any questions,

Rob

From: Ron Hogan <rhogan@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>

Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2026 10:29 AM

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Subject: Re: EOY Reports

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Thanks Rob. That highlights what I'm just trying to understand a bit more.

FY25, that link shows figures for Malden for Charter tuition and reimbursement. Neither of those match what is pulled into the EOY report.

The EOY report pulls in a reimbursement figure that is just for tuition (not facilities). The tuition figure pulled into the EOY is also lower than what's

on the DESE link. While the difference isn't the same as the facilities reimbursement amount, it's in the ballpark. Is that somehow factoring in?

Adding to the confusion is that what we actually received for FY25 for reimbursement is different also.

I get that there's an element of this being a moving target as it's developed, I would just think if I'm looking back at a completed school year like FY25 I should be able to see how it all ties together after the fact. It all only matters because we are as you know at or below NSS and needing to do all we can to better project each year, and these components are part of that.

Thanks

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To: Ron Hogan <rhogan@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
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Hi Ron,

You should refer to the data posted here: <https://www.doe.mass.edu/charter/finance/tuition/>.

Rob

From: Ron Hogan <rhogan@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
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Hi Rob,

I'm sure this is an easy one for you.....

We budget off of the cherry sheets for tuition reimbursement and charter/school sending tuition. I know those are ultimately estimates and at some point get finalized.

Our EOY report shows numbers that can vary by a LOT from those and I'm told those pull in from somewhere and we don't input them. Neither the EOY number nor the cherry sheet number matches what my accounting dept says they received.

Trying to make sense out of this and would appreciate some guidance.

Thanks

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