



Westport Central School

Beyond 2019

Getting to 2018-19

Eliminating 3.0 FTE Instructional Positions (K-6 AIS, PE, Social Studies)

Eliminating Interim Superintendent*

Eliminating Superintendent of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation

Using \$200,000 of Fund Balance

Working Assumptions

1) Costs will continue to increase



2) Money from the State will continue to decrease



3) Westport taxpayers will not support a tax increase necessary to maintain or increase programming.

10%

Options not discussed

- 1) Endowment
- 2) Foreign Exchange Students
- 3) Distance Learning
- 4) Eliminating Extracurricular Activities

These options were not discussed in detail as there is not enough time to make a significant impact on 2019-20, or they cannot be done at a scale large enough to make a significant impact for 2019-20. This does not mean that these cannot or should not be looked at for future school years.

Options

1) Year-to-year planning



2) Maintain K-6, Tuition Out 7-12



3) Adjust School Day and Reduce Teachers from 1.0 FTE



Year-to-Year Planning



Continue doing what we have been doing.

Wait and see how much we need to cut, and cut as appropriate.

This will surely result in further loss of programming and other opportunities for the students.

It is unknown how long this can be maintained while still being able to teach the required courses.

The next round of cuts would most likely result in students no longer being able to be accelerated in Math due to schedule constraints. Also, 6th grade to the secondary, eliminating Kindergarten, multi-age classrooms, further 7-12 eliminations, minimizing bus routes, and emptying our fund balance would need to be discussed

Tuition Out 7-12



Maintain our K-6 program and send our 7-12 students to a neighboring district.

This would not be an individual student option, but a district-to-district agreement to send all of our 7-12 students.

We would still need to transport the 7-12 students to the neighboring district

Elimination of all 7-12 teachers = **7.0 FTE positions**

K-12 teacher would no longer be 1.0 FTE

5 teachers x .5* savings = **2.5 FTE positions**

This may require a public vote* every 2-5 years and comes at a cost per student.

Adjusted School Day



Reduce length of school day and reduce teachers from 1.0 FTE.

The state requires 5.0 hours for K-6 and 5.5 hours for 7-12 during 180 days per year. (900 hours K-6 and 990 7-12)

Westport has 7.0 hours for both K-6 and 7-12 for 182 days. (1274 hrs).

The day could be reduced to 5.5 hours and all instructional staff reduced to .80 FTE.

27 Teachers x .2 (savings)= **5.4 FTE positions.**

All of these options result in reduced opportunities for our students and a reduction or loss of employment for our instructional staff.

Merger Updates

ELCS Superintendent Contract

- **Lacking tenure status, superintendents of the former districts do not have any statutory rights to that position in the new district. The appointment of a superintendent would be made by the board of education of the new district. When the superintendent of a district included in the reorganization has an employment contract, such contract is considered a property right and is therefore a contractual obligation which is binding upon the newly reorganized school district as the successor in interest of the districts which have merged to form the reorganized district (Section 1804(5)(b) of the Education Law).**
- **If the newly reorganized district determines not to employ such superintendent, it may discharge its contractual obligation by paying the salary which he or she would have earned pursuant to such contract, less any income obtained from employment elsewhere during the term of the contract.**

However...

A recent court decision in New York State sided with the District when they put an Assistant Superintendent (prior to a reorganization) in a Principal role (after the reorganization) at the prevailing wage for a principal.

Shuttle Bus Run

On September 27th, WCS 8-11th grade students will ride from WCS to ELCS at 7:40 am. ELCS 6 and 7th grade students will ride from ELCS to WCS at 7:45 am.

Once at the destination, students will take a tour of the building and take part in an activity. Approximately 90 minutes later, they will be shuttled back.

K-12 Enrollment: 209

2018-19



K-6

KINDERGARTEN Bisselle	12
1 st Grade Mrs. Welch	14
2 nd Grade Mrs. Bubbins	14
3 rd Grade Mrs. Hathaway	14
4 th Grade Mrs. Mandy	14
5 th Grade Mrs. Frenyea	24
6 th Grade Mrs. Brugger-Lobdell	15

7-12

7 th Grade	12
8 th Grade	16
9 th Grade	19
10 th Grade	22
11 th Grade	12
<u>12th Grade</u>	<u>14</u>

Pre-K

16 of the 17 schools in our BOCES region offer Pre-K.

(Competitive) Grant Funded opportunity for 2019-20.

Regardless of the result of the merger, this should be pursued.

Thank you.

