

High School Options

Presented by: The Deerfield School Board
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Important Information Used

- Coe Brown Northwood Academy (CBNA) - does not negotiate tuition. There is a set price for everyone that is decided yearly by their non-public board.
- CBNA has room for all our students - incrementally.
- Pembroke Academy (PA) has the lowest tuition rate but they do not have room for all our students.
- Concord High School (CHS) tuition rate of \$16,731.98 applies if 70% or more of our students attend (per class).
- Dover High School and Pinkerton Academy were rarely selected in the survey. Therefore, at this time, we decided not to include them in the options.
- As a school board, we are committed to ensuring all of the students have placement and that we are being fiscally responsible to the town.

Two possible scenarios

Option A

- 70% or more students from the 2024 DCS class go to Concord High School.
- Three-year tuition agreement
- Up to 30% of DCS students may choose to go to either CBNA or PA.
- Existing 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students remain at CHS

*** Consideration will be given to utilizing top-off agreements if students select CBNA.*

Option B

- DCS students graduating from DCS in 2024 will have the choice of three different high schools they can attend.
 - Concord High School
 - Coe Brown Northwood Academy
 - Pembroke Academy
- Pembroke has limited space - random selection may need to occur.
- CHS tuition rate would increase. Placement of students at CHS would need to be negotiated.
- CRTC costs at CHS may not be included in the tuition rate.
- Deerfield will pay full tuition costs, as “top offs” would not make a significant financial difference.
- Transportation will need to be discussed.

Estimated Tuition Costs for 2024/2025 Class

The estimated enrollment numbers are based on the recent survey of 46 7th grade students
(*special education and transportation costs not included*)

Option A:

CHS tuition - \$16,731.98 estimated rate for 24/25

32 students (70%) = \$535,423.36

CBNA tuition - \$19,218 estimated rate for 24/25

14 students (30%) = \$269,052**

TOTAL = \$804,475.36

** This would be somewhat less if some students were to choose PA

** This would be less if top off agreements were used

Option B:

CHS tuition - \$19,530.40 estimated if we do not send 70%

14 students = \$273,425.60

CBNA tuition - \$19,218 estimated rate for 24/25

28 students = \$538,104

PA tuition - \$15,078

4 students = \$60,312

TOTAL = \$871,841.60

Tuition Projection Over 3 Years

**Numbers approximate and based on enrollment projections and survey data. Does not include transportation or special education costs.*

	Option A w/ Top off	Option A w/o Top-Off	Option B	Under Rejected Contract
2024-2025	\$ 3,011,760	\$ 3,076,396	\$ 3,502,296	\$ 2,837,808
1 grade with "choice"	154 at CHS (85%) 26 at CBNA (15%)	154 at CHS (85%) 26 at CBNA (15%)	138 at CHS (77%) 42 at CBNA (23%)	162 at CHS (90%) 18 at CBNA (10%)
2025-2026	\$ 3,117,172	\$ 3,202,881	\$ 3,603,412	\$ 2,933,672
2 grades with "choice"	144 at CHS (80%) 36 at CBNA (20%)	144 at CHS (80%) 36 at CBNA (20%)	112 at CHS (62%) 68 at CBNA (38%)	162 at CHS (90%) 18 at CBNA (10%)
2026-2027	\$ 3,225,595	\$ 3,329,506	\$ 3,695,647	\$ 3,032,028
3 grades with "choice"	134 at CHS (74%) 46 at CBNA (26%)	134 at CHS (74%) 46 at CBNA (26%)	86 at CHS (48%) 94 at CBNA (52%)	162 at CHS (90%) 18 at CBNA (10%)

*includes 3.5% increase at CHS and 2.5% at CBNA per annum

**numbers based on 45 students per class (180 total high School Students)

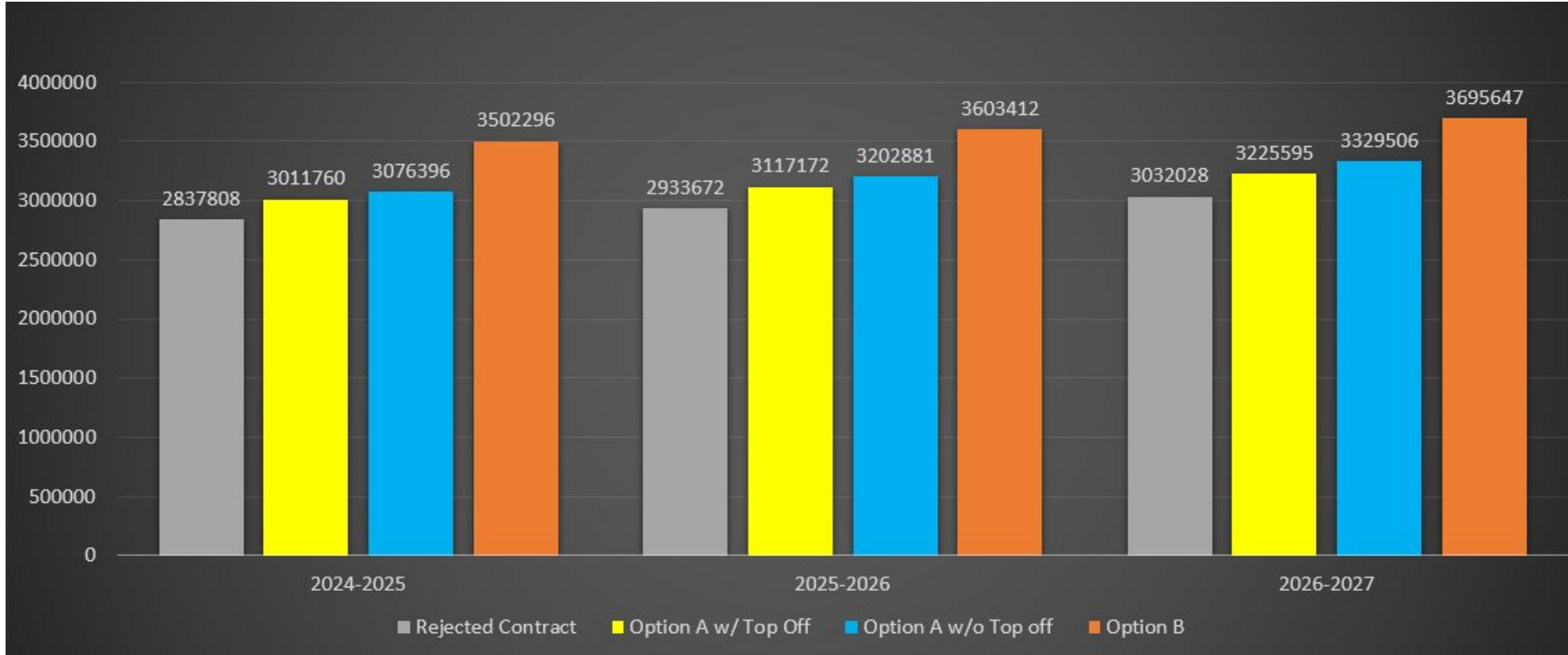
***There will be multiple classes with the majority of students at CHS under the current contract

****if PA is included and a % of students attend, tuition for those students will be lower

- Option A (with top off) would increase the regular tuition budget line by approx 14% over 3 years.
- Option A (without top off) would increase the regular tuition budget line by approx 17% over 3 years
- Option B would increase the regular tuition budget line by approx 30% over 3 years.

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Questions/Comments

We will accept written comments until August 23rd. Please send an email to the Chair, Kendra Cohen, kcohen@sau53.org. All emails received will be shared with the entire Board.

We hope to make a timely decision at a future school board meeting.



We would be happy to hear feedback from you right now.

Please direct all comments/questions to the Chair.

Please try to keep comments under 5 minutes.

We may not be able to answer some of your questions as we are still in negotiations.