

# Proposed High School Agreements

*How we got here and what is being proposed*

# 2023 Timeline

March - April

- **March 26<sup>th</sup>** – Town and School Board elections. Kendra, Danielle, Ellen elected. CHS contract rejected. Town voted in favor of advisory warrant article to enter into contracts with more than one school for the purpose of school choice.
- **April 5<sup>th</sup>** – First School Board meeting with new members. Danielle and Ellen appointed to HS negotiations committee.

May – June

- **May 17<sup>th</sup>** -- Survey to 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade families regarding their preference for high school. 61% CBNA, 30% Concord, 6% Pembroke, 7% Pinkerton, 1% Dover. (*\*some families selected more than one school which skewed totals*)
- Begin negotiations with CBNA and CHS.

July – Aug

- Ongoing negotiations with CBNA and CHS. Committee explores adding Pembroke to list of schools.
- **Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>** – High School Options Presentation. The Board received a lot of feedback and pursued further negotiations.

Sept - Oct

- Ongoing negotiations with CBNA, CHS, and PA. Agreements drafted by negotiations committee and reviewed by legal.
- Draft agreements submitted to CBNA, CHS, and PA.

Nov – Dec

- Ongoing negotiations and contract revisions with CBNA, CHS, and Pembroke.
- School ranking survey to 8<sup>th</sup> grade families. 56% CBNA, 44% CHS, 0% Pembroke.
- **Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** – Deerfield School Board to vote on proposed agreements.

# From August Presentation

## 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**

Under original  
"Option A" -  
lottery would  
have been  
needed

Under original  
"Option B" -  
unclear if CRTC  
would be  
included

The negotiations committee took the community's feedback from the presentation and pursued further negotiations.

# Current Proposals

	CBNA	CHS	Pembroke
<b>Base Tuition (per student)</b> <i>*does not include special ed costs</i>	\$19,717.00	\$18,557.59	\$15,327.00
<b>Minimum / Maximum Students</b>	No Minimum No Maximum	No Minimum No Maximum	No Minimum No Maximum
<b>CRTC Included?</b>	N/A	Yes	Yes
<b>Application Required?</b>	No	No	No
<b>Willing to be our “School of Record?”</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Term of Agreement</b>	3 years <i>(option to renew for 2 years)</i>	3 years <i>(option to renew for 1 year)</i>	3 years <i>(option to renew for 1 year)</i>
<b>Estimated Students Enrolling from 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	27	20	0
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Base Tuition Total (47 students)</b>	\$532,359.00	\$371,151.80	\$0

# Advisory Warrant Article (from March 2023)

11. Shall the Deerfield School District enter into contracts and tuition agreements with more than one public high school for the purpose of accommodating high school choice. The Deerfield School District will budget for and pay the full tuition for students to attend an approved public high school of their choice. This article is advisory only, if passed. [This article is submitted by petition].

YES   
NO



780  
631



Enter into contracts and tuition agreements with more than one public high school for the purpose of accommodating high school choice



Budget for and pay the full tuition for students to attend an approved public high school of their choice

# Budget Impact

- The anticipated cost of high school tuition for the 2024-2025 school year is **\$3,624,513**, which is an increase of **\$805,216** from the 2023-2024 voted budget.

*\*\*\*This does not include additional Special Education costs.*

- The High School Tuition line makes up approximately 20% of the overall district budget.

High School Tuition Budget Line

