

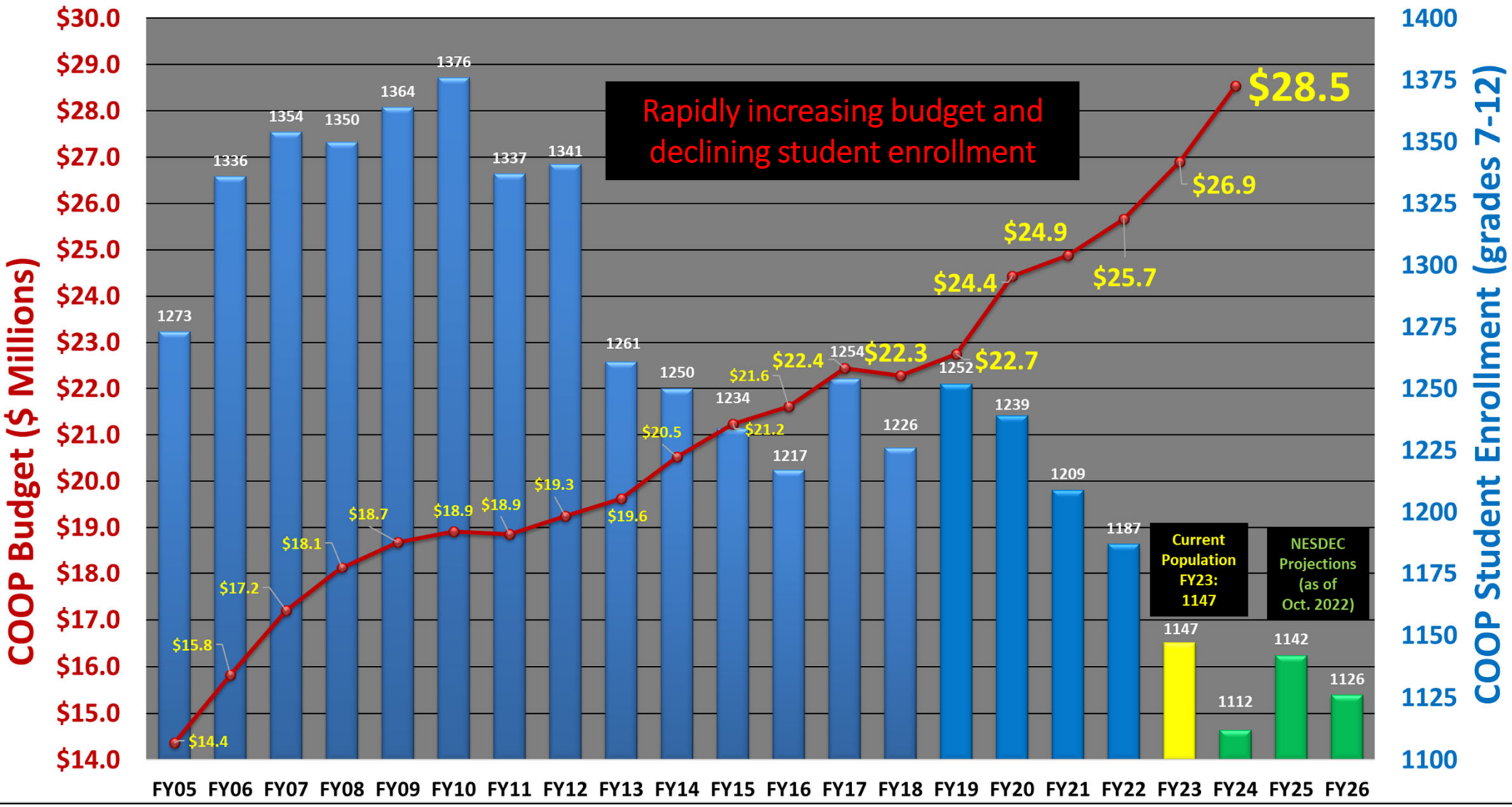
Recommendations for 2023 HB COOP Voting

HB High School, 6:30 pm, March 8, 2023

- Rapidly increasing proposed budget (\$28.5M) with declining student enrollment
- Taxpayers must be at the COOP meeting to vote to stop unsustainable spending!
- If Articles 1 to 8 (i.e. spending) all pass, there will be major COOP tax rate impacts:
 - **Hollis +13.7%, +\$0.98/1K increase; Brookline +15.5%, +\$1.82/1K increase**
- Articles 9 to 13 need to be approved, which will slow future runaway spending

NO	Article 1 – \$3.1 LED Lighting/Boiler 15-year Bond
NO	Article 2 – \$162K Support staff raises
NO*	Article 3 – \$26.5M operating budget (*NO, unless reduced)
NO	Article 4 – \$2.26M SAU office budget
NO	Article 5 – \$300K Maintenance trust fund
NO	Article 6 – Increase retained fund balance to 2.5% from 1%
NO	Article 7 – \$25K Special Education trust fund
NO	Article 8 – \$125K new contingency fund
YES	Article 9 – Supermajority to Amend Articles of Agreement
YES	Article 10 – Adopt 5% tax cap
YES	Article 11 – No lobbying with taxpayer funds
YES	Article 12 – No retained fund balance
YES	Article 13 – Require warrant tax impact notation

HB COOP Student Enrollment and Budget History and Trajectory



Proposed $\$28,543,139 \div 1112$ students = $\$25,668/\text{student}$
 This spending is unsustainable!