

Magnet Program Review – April 2018

Tuition Review:

The current state of Maine tuition is 10, 886.51

The area schools tuition rates are:

2017-18 State Average: \$10,886.51

5 Town CSD - \$10,886.51

Belfast H.S. - \$10,886.51

Watershed School - \$14,900

Cornerspring - Elem. - \$8,195

Riley School \$8,215.25

Ashwood Waldorf - Elem.- \$11,850

Our budget this year without the Magnet tuition would be: 5.04%.

Our budget this year with the anticipated tuition would be: 1.71%.

Secondary Budget Numbers for this year:

Without the Magnet tuition revenue, the average cost per island student would be: \$26,203.00

With the Magnet tuition revenue, the average cost per island student would be: \$15,214.00

Discussion Points from the Magnet Committee:

1. We are within \$2,125 of surrounding area high schools.
2. We want to encourage diversity in all ways, including socio-economic.
3. According to the magnet family survey, a significant tuition increase would discourage families from continuing long term.
4. Supervising the students on the boat is a professional obligation that goes from 7:45 a.m. until the students get picked up.
5. There needs to be a predictable plan for ongoing tuition increases for future planning that takes into consideration decreasing town budgets.

Recommendation from the Magnet Committee would be to make minimal changes to the tuition.

Option #1:

- Current High School tuition: \$5,925
- Add \$75 (6,000) and add \$120 = 6,120 (increase of \$195 and 3.3%)
- Middle School tuition:\$4,740
- Add \$60 and add \$120 = 4,920 (increase of \$180 and 3.8%)

Option #2:

- Consider having fixed costs and reviewing these costs every four years.
- MS: RATE each year with \$120 – Review these costs every three years
- HS: 6,000 each year with no transportation fee – Review these costs every three years but lock in a 4 year rate as students enter high school.

Option #3:

- Go back to how we used to do it and have one fee for all. Increase 3% every year regardless of budget.
- Have no transportation fee for the high school students.
- Have a high school tuition rate that is 10% lower for students who have been here since two years or more.

Enrollment Process:

Discussion Points from the Magnet Committee:

1. We need to complete an island family survey, a magnet family survey and a student survey to collect general feelings of satisfaction with the ICS programming and with the Magnet program.
2. We need to focus on getting more high school students.
3. We will not be able to offer a deferment option because we are a public school serving the island families which means we need to anticipate enrollment and not “save” spots.
4. I will meet with St. George School that goes up only to 8th and who has since pulled out of Rockland school district.
5. Jess and I will reach out to homeschooled students in the area.
6. Jess and Ryan will continue to work on a partnership with Northport.
7. Ryan and I will try to use the Horticulture enrollment campaign to foster other ways to be an Islesboro student from virtual, online student to actual, magnet student.

Recommendation from the Magnet Committee would be to make the following recommendations in regards to enrollment.

Grade 5 th	5 island students	1 Magnet	-	-	Open
Grade 6	6 island students	2 Magnet	-	-	Open
Grade 7	6 Island students	2 Magnet	-	-	Limited
Grade 8	4 island	7 Magnet	-	-	Closed
Grade 9	5 Island	3 Magnet	7 Boys	1 Girl	- Limited
Grade 10	5 Island	5 Magnet	3 Boys	7 Girls	- Open
Grade 11	6 Island	3 Magnet	4 Boys	5 Girls	- Open
Grade 12	2 island	2 Magnet	2 Boys	2 Girls	Open with a review of graduation conditions

Application Process

Discussion Points from the Magnet Committee:

1. Make sure we create clarity around ongoing academic and behavioral review during the year as it relates to the probationary status.
2. Create an acceptance protocol which assists with reviewing applications in an objection fashion.
3. Move up all dates and be entirely done with the process by June 1st.
4. Create an intake questionnaire for parents to fill out on initial day visit to gather information regarding student’s school experience.

Recommendation from the Magnet Committee would be to make the following recommendations in regards to enrollment.

1. Organize day visits to incorporate two sessions of data collection to address writing/reading and math.
2. We will be asking for all applications by May 21st and we will be reviewing applications the last week of May.
3. Notification to parents will by June 1st via a phone call and an email.
4. We are recommending have a letter of intent along with a deposit (\$250) by the end of the school year.