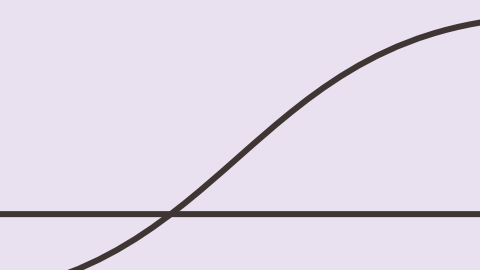


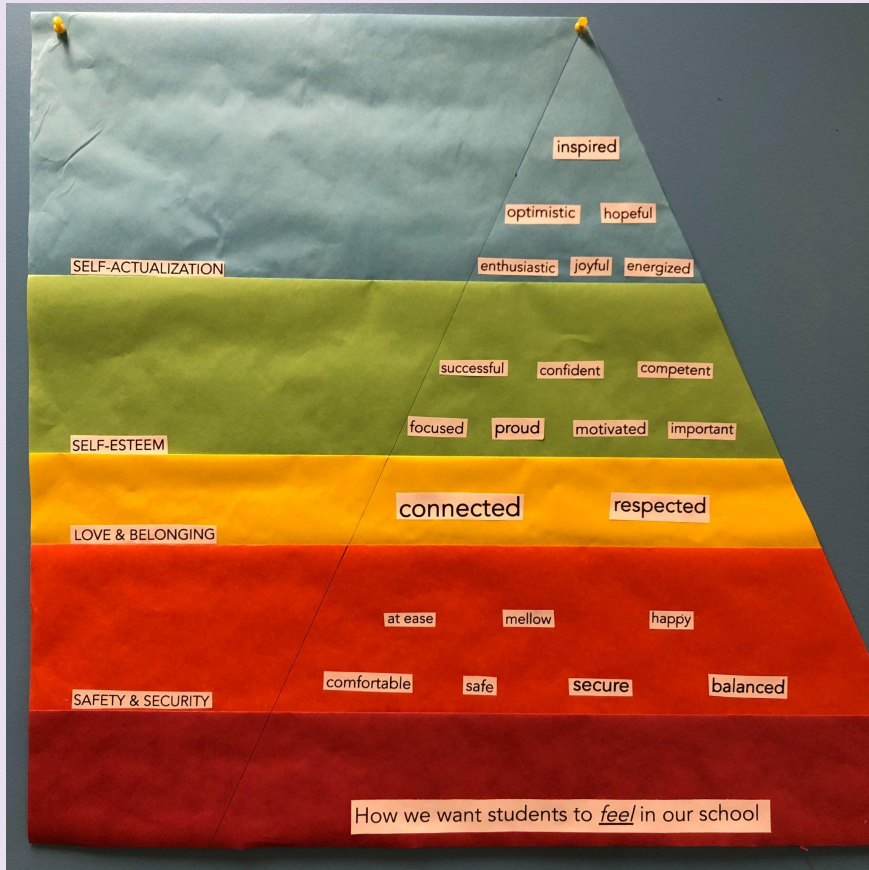


Bowdoinham Community School

“Meaningful Learning That Lasts”

FY 25 Budget Presentation





We believe ...

KIDS CAN AND SHOULD BE
EDUCATED WELL
IN THEIR HOMETOWN SCHOOL

Bowdoinham by Some Numbers

188

Student Population

The only MSAD 75 school with a higher enrollment than ten years ago

17

Average Class Size

Our highest ratio is 26:1
(current Grade 4)

\$15,998

Per-Pupil Spending

In FY 22, well below district and state averages
(MDOE Data Warehouse)

71%,
72%

Student Achievement

In ELA and Math, respectively
(Spring 2023 MEA)

Budget Considerations

“Different but the Same”

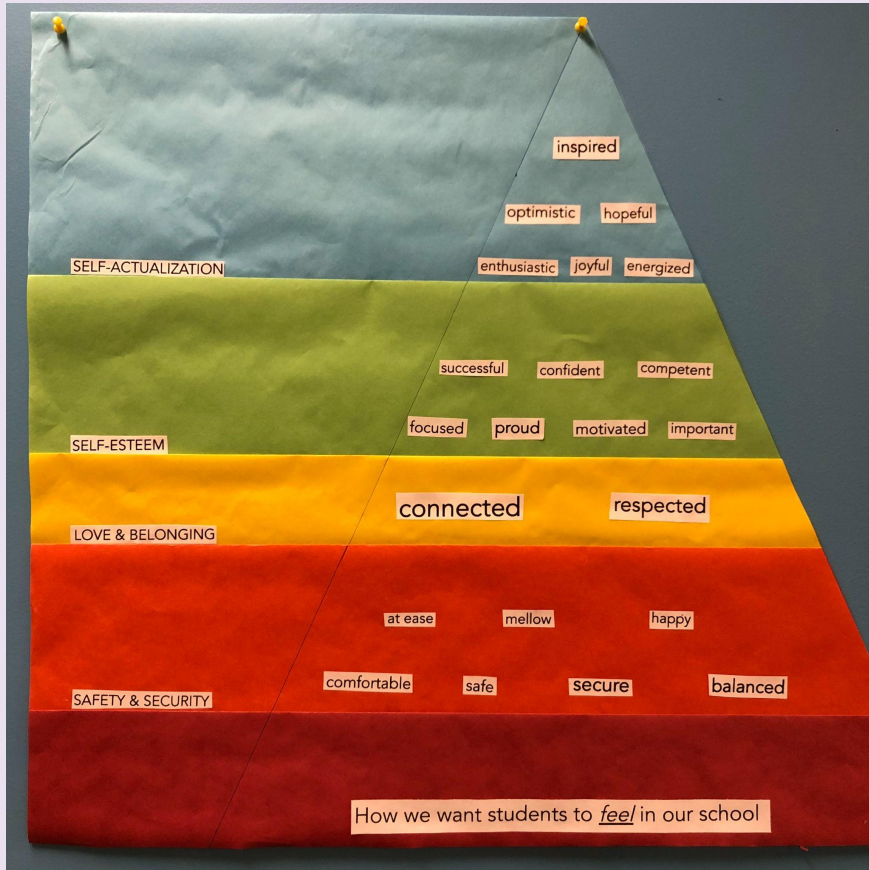
- * Elementary schools have unique and wonderful cultures (and Principals)
- * Demographics, student needs, achievement and staffing shortages have been comparable

Enrollment Trends

- * K-2 enrollment slightly higher than 3-5
- * 11 classroom teachers not ideal, but doable for now with class sizes within guidelines - reassess annually

Long-Range Planning

- * Extra teachers have helped boost achievement, but Covid bubble is moving up
- * We could never afford to move all Covid-era positions into budget



Budget Request

To serve more students in our hometown school (34-38 students with IEPs anticipated) we need to add a **0.5 FTE Special Education Teacher**

School Allocation FY 25

BHM Proposed School Allocation Budget

WORTH NOTING: Shifting some funds to boost **nonfiction** book collection

68% of books in our Learning Commons have not circulated in twenty years

