

**Board of Finance Questions**  
**February 27, 2017**

**1. Under Health and Medical Services, what are the “Professional Services” expenditures? How is it that we are able to eliminate this expense in the Intermediate School and move to the High School? Is the need gone at RIS?**

- Professional Services under Health and Medical are outside nursing services for a medically fragile student who requires one-on-one coverage. The student and their need have moved from Reed to the High School.

**2. Is there an existing, specific gap (or increase in requirements) in our curriculum today that we feel is driving the overall need for curriculum spend increase?**

- The increase in the Curriculum and Instruction Department budget is driven by a prioritization of needs, including the following:
  - State adoption of new k-12 science standards which impacts curriculum and staff training
  - updates to existing curricula to align with our model for teaching and learning
  - curriculum for a limited number of new courses that expand student learning opportunities
  - staff development to support our Readers Writers Workshop model of instruction.

**3. Why would the Reading program be so much more expensive at SH as opposed to other Elementary schools?**

- SHS has a slightly higher reading support FTE which is comprised of more senior teachers whose salaries are higher on the contracted teacher pay scale.

**4. What are the line item details for the 472K favorable trend this year (15-16)?**

- The details are included in the latest financial report below.

<http://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/Portals/Newtown/District/docs/BOARD%20OF%20EDUCATION/Financial%20Reports/2016-2017/1-31-17%20Financial%20Report.pdf>