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NPS Covid Expenditures - \$2,315,448

The COVID-19 pandemic created significant costs for the Newton Public Schools along with revenue losses, both somewhat offset by direct state and federal grants to NPS. The City of Newton, separate from NPS, has also faced new costs and revenue losses and also received state and federal grants. My goal since the pandemic began has been to provide the Newton Public Schools with financial support to help teaching and learning in these difficult times. We have been “all in” on using CARES and ARPA funds to cover their COVID-19 related costs.

As State and Federal grants directly to NPS have only partially made up for pandemic costs and revenue losses, the City has invested significant portions of its state/federal grants to assist the students. In addition to previously allocated support, we are providing NPS with \$820,000 in ARPA funds to cover important COVID-19 related expenditures. These include classroom air quality monitoring devices, air purifiers, medical supplies, and Wi-Fi hotspots. We also providing \$1.51 million in ARPA funds to cover additional COVID-19 related projects that the NPS financial team found in April, 2022 and a number of summer projects involving ventilation and new space for specialized programs.