

Presentation to Westwood School Committee Thursday, December 9, 2021



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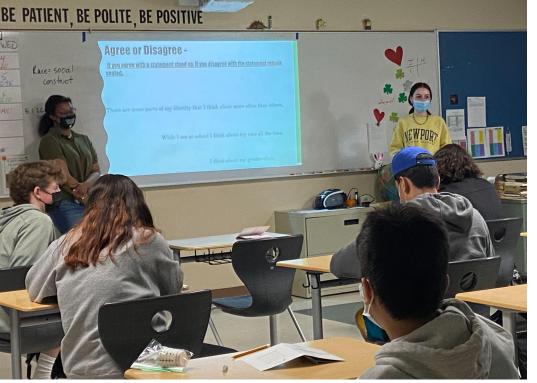
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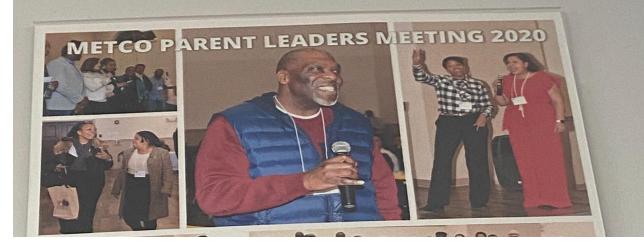








# The METCO Program



Most (30) are K - 12 programs. Westwood is one of just 3 districts that starts in middle school.

METCO structure:

- DESE provides oversight of the program statewide, including grant disbursement
- METCO INC. HQ contracted by DESE as student applications and support vendor
- METCO Districts manage the daily operations of the program

Funding cycle - allocations for the next fiscal year based on 3-year enrollment lookback (Oct. 1 SIMS)

Westwood METCO grant covers the cost of transportation, METCO department staffing, PD, community programming

# METCO Funding

The METCO Program is classified by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as a <u>marginal seat program</u>.

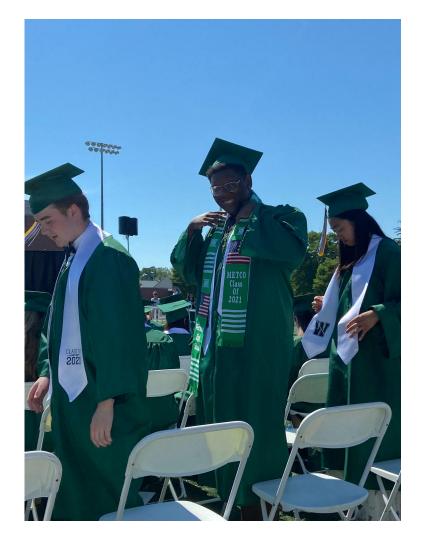


### FY22 METCO Budget

Transportation	\$100,500
Salaries	\$177,000
Professional Development	\$26,500
Community Outreach & Partnerships	\$11,076
Educational Resources Tutoring, materials, stipends	\$26,000
Total	\$341,076

## **Opportunity for Expansion**

- METCO Inc. HQ & Legislators lobbied for increased funds
  - Per pupil funding increases for FY20, FY21, FY22
  - Lobbyist and legislators support METCO vision for program expansion
- Legislature & DESE intend to use increase in FY22 funding for expansion support
- Conversations in spring and early fall preliminary proposal
- Approval pending WSC support





#### **Enrollment Grades**

- Fall 2022
  - 32-36 total students across all grades K - 5 in one school
  - 4 6 students per grade
- In subsequent years, focus on K-2 as much as possible
- Flexibility to add seats in any grade

#### Anticipated FY23 Budget (Includes Elementary Students)

Transportation	\$202,500
Salaries	\$321,000
Professional Development	\$22,500
Community Outreach & Partnerships	\$13,038
Educational Resources Tutoring, materials, stipends	\$29,500
Total	\$588,038

## FY22 Supplemental Funds for Planning and Prep

Equity Audit

Staffing (Elementary Coordinator, Liaison/Bus Monitor, expanded role for Director)

**Professional Development** 

Summer Institute for Staff (curriculum, school culture)

Equity Leaders (training)

Family Workshops (PTO, Site Council, Welcome Club)

Program space preparation

Materials

Dedicated transportation (van)

Robust onboarding program for students (summer)

# Opportunity to Diversify Staff

Greater student diversity and expanded program.





Education is an incredible tool for preparing young people to interact with and understand the diversity that exists in the world. METCO is part of the solutions to breaking down racial barriers and creating authentic relationships and understandings". Milly Arbaje-Thomas



### **Enrollment Grades**

SY21-22 Enrollment	
TMS	# Number of Students
Grade 6	8
Grade 7	9
Grade 8	6
Subtotal	23
WHS	
Grade 9	7
Grade 10	5
Grade 11	8
Grade 12	7
Subtotal	27
6-12 Total	50

SY22-23 Enrollment	
TMS	# Number of Students
Grade 6	8
Grade 7	8
Grade 8	9
Subtotal	25
WHS	
Grade 9	6
Grade 10	7
Grade 11	5
Grade 12	8
Subtotal	26
6-12 Total	51

Future Enrollment	
Elementary SY22-23	# Number of Students
Grade K	4-6
Grade 1	6
Grade 2	6
Grade 3	6
Grade 4	4-6
Grade 5	6
Subtotal	32-36
Program Total	83