

# THE PLIGHT OF NEWBURYPORT SCHOOLS

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# OBJECTIVES

- **HOW WE ARRIVED AT THE PROBLEM**
- **THE LOSSES**
- **SCHOOL FUNDING**
  - THE INEQUITIES & DEFICIENCIES
- **THE FACTS & TRUE STATISTICS**
  - CHAP 70/SPED/AFFLUENCE
- **POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS**
  - HIGHER TAXES AND STATE HELP

# THE ORIGIN OF THE PLIGHT

204 - NEWBURYPORT

Updated as of 07/10/2007

FY	Foundation Enrollment	Pct Chg	Foundation Budget	Pct Chg	Required Local Contribution	Chapter 70 Aid	Pct Chg	Required Net School Spending(NSS)	Pct Chg	Actual Net School Spending	Pct Chg	Dollars Over/Under Requirement	Pct Over/Under
FY98	2,207		12,387,624		12,695,436	2,380,390		15,075,826		15,646,510		570,684	3.8
FY99	2,220	0.6	13,187,405	6.5	13,327,080	2,602,390	9.3	15,929,470	5.7	16,111,497	3.0	182,027	1.1
FY00	2,159	-2.7	12,887,819	-2.3	14,108,954	2,926,240	12.4	17,035,194	6.9	17,255,346	7.1	220,152	1.3
FY01	2,180	1.0	13,476,312	4.6	14,626,514	3,307,740	13.0	17,934,254	5.3	18,437,339	6.9	503,085	2.8
FY02	2,186	0.3	14,097,905	4.6	15,215,127	3,492,275	5.6	18,707,402	4.3	19,401,197	5.2	693,795	3.7
FY03	2,163	-1.1	14,138,308	0.3	16,361,244	3,492,275	0.0	19,853,519	6.1	20,995,399	8.2	1,141,880	5.8
FY04	2,207	2.0	14,817,025	4.8	16,953,486	2,793,820	-20.0	19,747,306	-0.5	21,925,398	4.4	2,178,092	11.0
FY05	2,234	1.2	15,310,556	3.3	17,788,982	2,793,820	0.0	20,582,802	4.2	22,439,608	2.3	1,856,806	9.0
FY06	2,284	2.2	16,302,852	6.5	18,514,828	2,908,020	4.1	21,422,848	4.1	23,299,376	3.8	1,876,528	8.8
FY07	2,266	-0.8	17,369,388	6.5	18,382,676	3,094,664	6.4	21,477,340	0.3	24,486,675 *	5.1	3,009,335	14.0

# THE BASIS OF THE PLIGHT

- **ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET DEFICITS OF @ \$500-800,000 OVER THE PRIOR 2 YEARS**
  - **SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM CITY TO OFFSET SOME OF CUTS**
- **DEFICIT OF \$ 1.2 MILLION FOR THE PAST YEAR**
  - **LOSS OF ABILITY OF CITY TO CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO OFFSET MASSIVE CUTS IN A SYSTEM FORCED TO USE CUTS OVER PAST 2 YEARS TO BALANCE SCHOOL BUDGET**
- **NO ADDITIONAL CHAP 70 FUNDING**
- **LOSS OF SPRING OVERRIDE**
  - **SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO PLIGHT**

# THE EFFECTS OF THE DEFICITS

## THE FY 08 LOSSES

- 1) **ELIMINATION OF A STATE MODEL OF ELEMENTARY FOREIGN LANGUAGE**
  - HIGH SCHOOL INTRODUCTION
- 2) **LOSS OF 33 TEACHERS VIA RETIREMENT WITH NO REPLACEMENT OR LAY OFF**
  - EMPTY CLASSROOMS @ HS
  - CLASS SIZE UP TO 30 PUPILS
- 3) **ELIMINATION OF NUMEROUS HS CLASSES/ELECTIVES**
  - RESULTING IN 2 STUDY PERIODS/WEEK @ HS & 1 STUDY/FLEX TIME AT MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 4) **INABILITY TO REPLACE ANTIQUATED EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM**
- 5) **RECONFIGURATION & SCHOOL CLOSURE**
- 6) **CRITICAL TIPPING POINT**
  - ADDITIONAL SMALL LOSSES=SEVERE EFFECTS

# THE FACTS: CHAPTER 70

## FY 08 FUNDING

- STATE RANGE: \$6974-\$9910/PUPIL
- STATE AVERAGE: \$8425/PUPIL
- NEWBURYPORT: \$7990/PUPIL

## FY 08 TOTALS

AMESBURY	2400/\$8.7 MILLION
NEWBURYPORT	2270/\$3.2 MILLION
NORTH READING	2600/\$5.3 MILLION
PENTUCKET	3195/\$13.2 MILLION
TRITON	3200/\$8.4 MILLION

# FOUNDATION CATEGORIES

- 1-REGULAR & SPED PRE K
- 2-REGULAR & SPED HALF DAY K
- 3-REGULAR & SPED FULL DAY K
- 4-REGULAR & SPED GRADE 1-5
- 5-REGULAR & SPED GRADE 6-8
- 6-REGULAR & SPED GRADE 9-12
- 7-LIMITED ENGLISH PRE K
- 8-LIMITED ENGLISH HALF DAY K
- 9-LIMITED ENGLISH GRADE 1-12
- 10-VOCATIONAL ED GRADE 9-12
- 11- IN DISTRICT VOCATIONAL (4.75%) & SPED (3.75%)
- 12 OUT DISTRICT SPED (1%)
- 13-LOW INCOME/FREE LUNCH- \$2988/PUPIL (1-8) & \$2416/PUPIL (HS)
- 14-OTHER

# PER PUPIL TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY06 (JUL07)

CITY/TOWN	EXPENDITURE
<u>NEWBURYPORT</u>	\$11,020
BOSTON	\$14,973
BROOKLINE	\$14,900
LEXINGTON	\$12,600
BEVERLY	\$10,900
SWAMPSCOTT	\$10,900
NORTH ANDOVER	\$ 9100
WILMINGTON	\$ 9500
PENTUCKET	\$ 8808
TRITON	\$ 9600
MASS AVERAGE	\$11,210

# THE FACTS:SPED COSTS

- **CHAPTER 70 ALLOCATIONS**
- **IN DISTRICT: 3.75% TOTAL ENROLLMENT 84**
- **OUT DISTRICT: 1% TOTAL ENROLLMENT 22**
- **TOTAL: 106 SPED PUPILS**

# THE REALITY:SPED

**NEWBURYPORT/SEPTEMBER 2007**

## **SPED ENROLLMENT: 385**

**IN DISTRICT: 361**

**OUT DISTRICT: 24**

**TOTAL: 385 VS 106 PER CHAPTER 70 ALLOCATION**

**TOTAL ENROLLMENT:2318**

## **SPED TRANSPORTATION-2007-2008**

**IN DISTRICT: \$108,843**

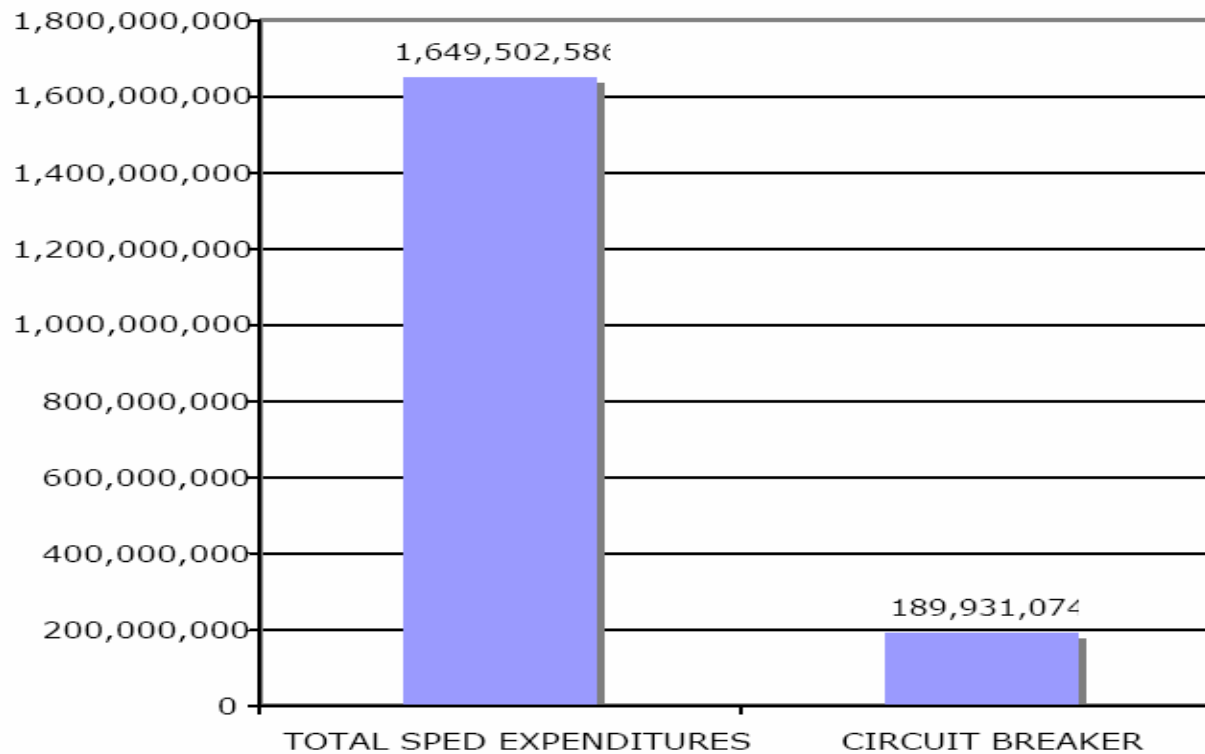
**OUT DISTRICT: \$254,199**

# **CIRCUIT BREAKER**

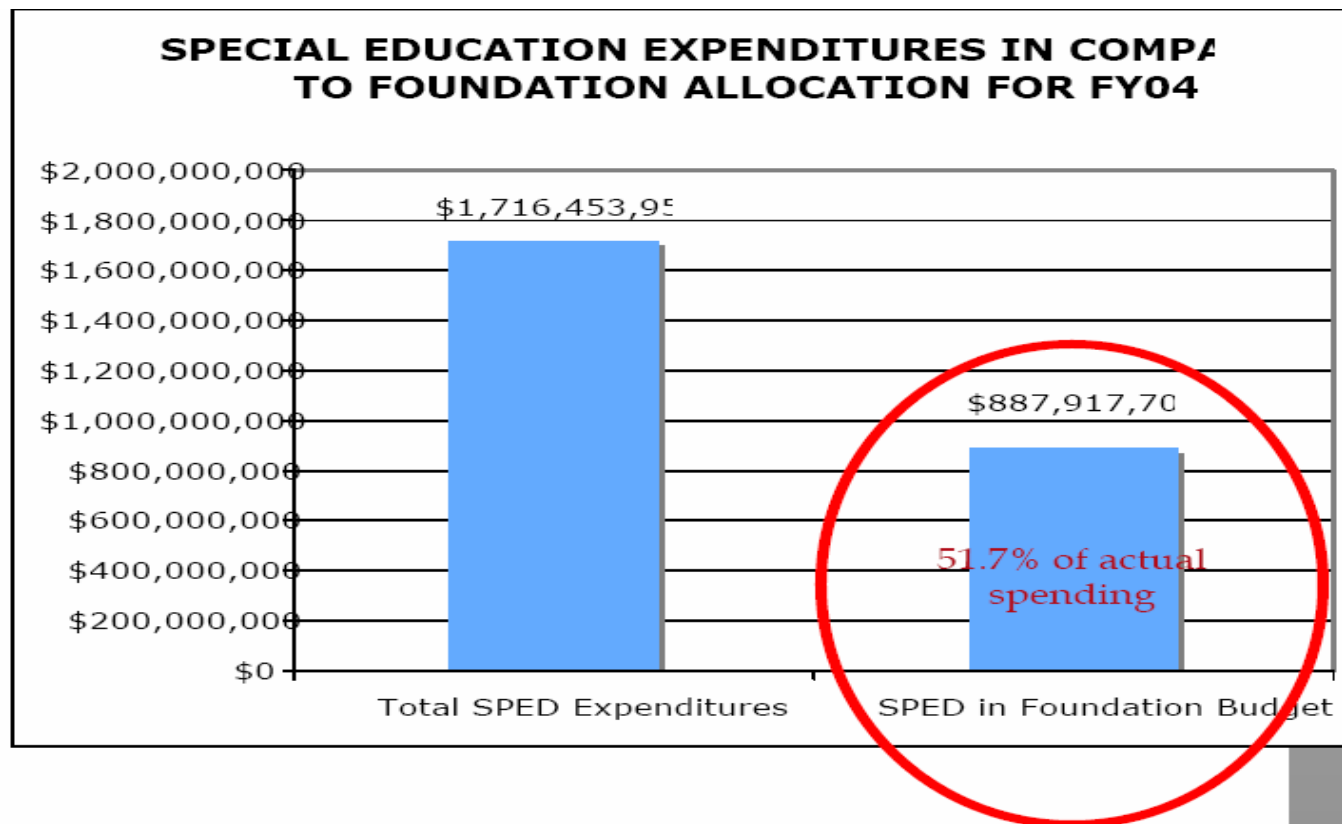
- **ADDITIONAL SPED REIMBURSEMENT**
- **75% AFTER EXPENDITURES EXCEED 4X SPED FOUNDATION ALLOCATION**
  - ALLOCATION BASED ON FIXED % OF TOTAL ENROLLMENT**
  - NOT REAL NUMBERS & NOT INCLUSIVE OF TRANSPORTATION COST**

# CIRCUIT BREAKER

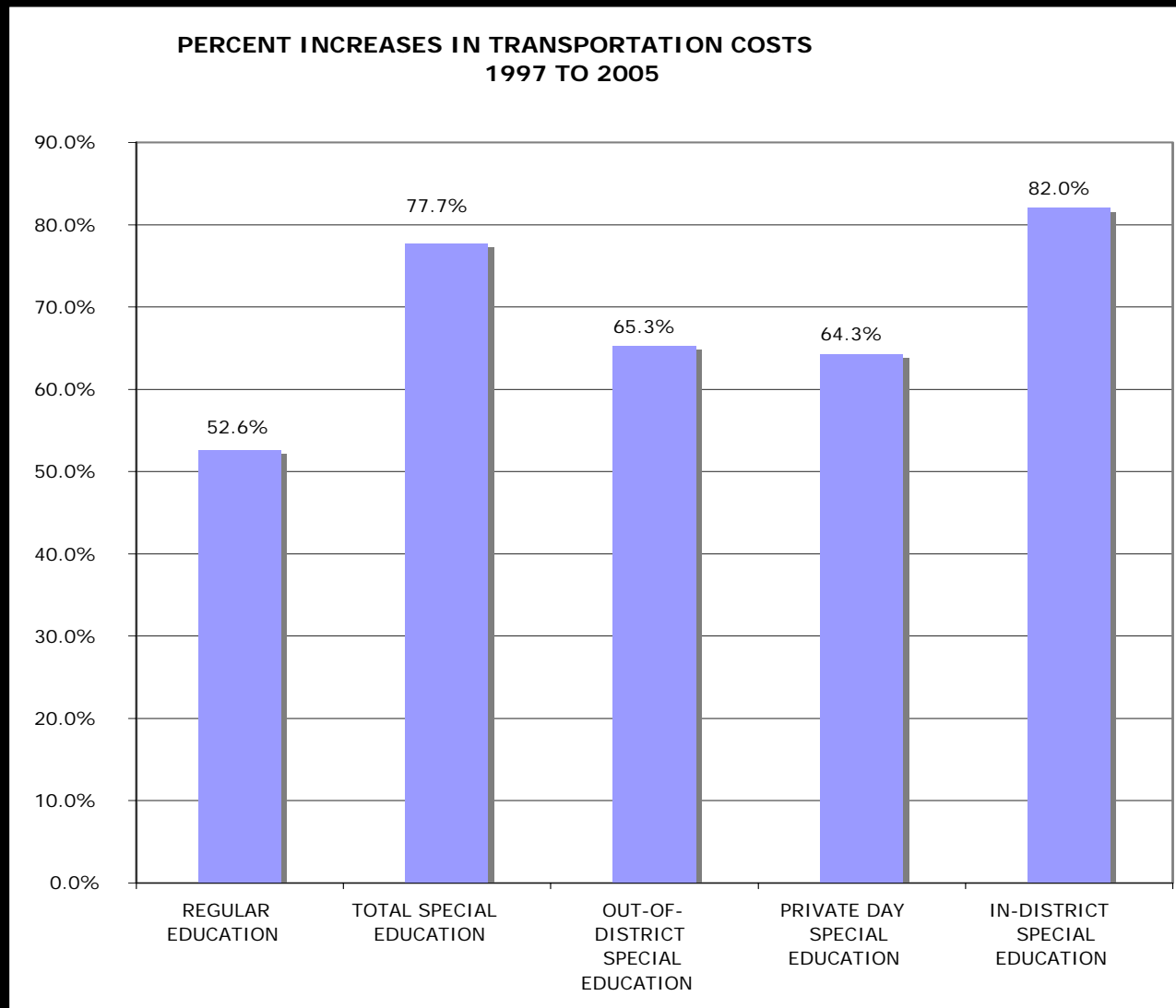
**PROJECTED SPECIAL EDUCATION  
EXPENDITURES AND CIRCUIT BREAKER  
AID FY05**



# THE FACTS:SPED



# THE FACTS:SPED TRANSPORTATION COSTS



# NEWBURYPORT GRANTS

## Grant Funds FY2004 - FY2008

Newburyport Public Schools annually pursues and receives a number of grants which allow us to enhance or supplement current program efforts or initiate new programs which relate to our core programs. The following are the grants received by Newburyport Public Schools over the years.

	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08
Federal Special Education Entitlement	407,235	467,393	491,518	502,918	506,960
Early Childhood Special Education Allocation	13,349	12,374	11,744	11,500	13,129
Title I	297,952	276,474	251,691	214,000	264,911
Safe and Drug Free Schools - Title IV	12,857	12,320	10,351	8,800	9,565
Title V - Innovative Programs	12,665	10,566	6,430	5,450	3,290
Community Service Learning	10,000	12,000	-	-	-
Technology Grants/Enhanced Ed - Title IID	9,942	9,187	6,318	5,370	3,507
Improving Educator Quality - Title IIA	62,132	59,005	57,433	48,818	56,995
Enhanced School Health Services	58,604	64,049	64,049	64,000	72,395
Early Intervention Literacy	10,000	10,800	1,200	1,500	24,200
Sped Prof. Development	18,406	12,667	10,000	20,654	14,252
Academic Support	10,300	8,052	7,620	7,500	10,000
Swasey Foundation	*	*	51,400	44,000	62,237
Corrective Action Grant**				10,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>923,442</b>	<b>954,887</b>	<b>969,754</b>	<b>890,510</b>	<b>1,041,441</b>

\* The Swasey Foundation grants were done differently in earlier years.

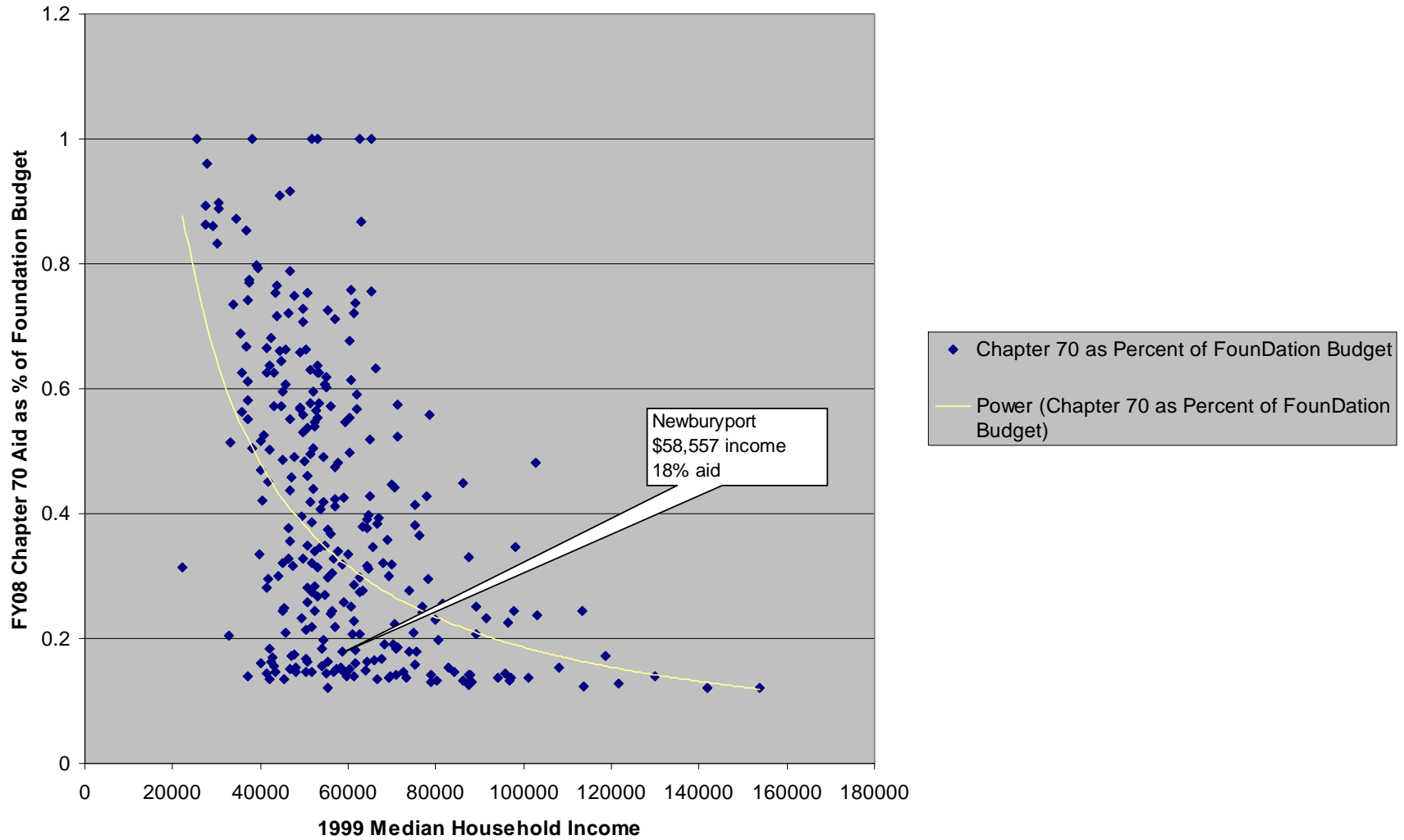
\*\* The Corrective Action Grant is a one time, 2-year grant to assist with corrective actions needed as a result of

# AFFLUENCE: THE FACTS

<b>CITY/TOWN</b>	<b>PUPILS</b>	<b>FY08/CH70</b>	<b>MEDIAN INCOME</b>
<b><u>NEWBURYPORT</u></b>	<b>2270</b>	<b>\$ 3.2 MILLION</b>	<b>\$ 58,500</b>
<b>WILMINGTON</b>	<b>3731</b>	<b>\$ 6.7 MILLION</b>	<b>\$ 70,000</b>
<b>NO READING</b>	<b>2666</b>	<b>\$ 5.3 MILLION</b>	<b>\$ 76,000</b>
<b>MARBLEHEAD</b>	<b>3190</b>	<b>\$ 4.4 MILLION</b>	<b>\$ 74,000</b>
<b>GEORGETOWN</b>	<b>1513</b>	<b>\$ 4.2 MILLION</b>	<b>\$ 76,000</b>

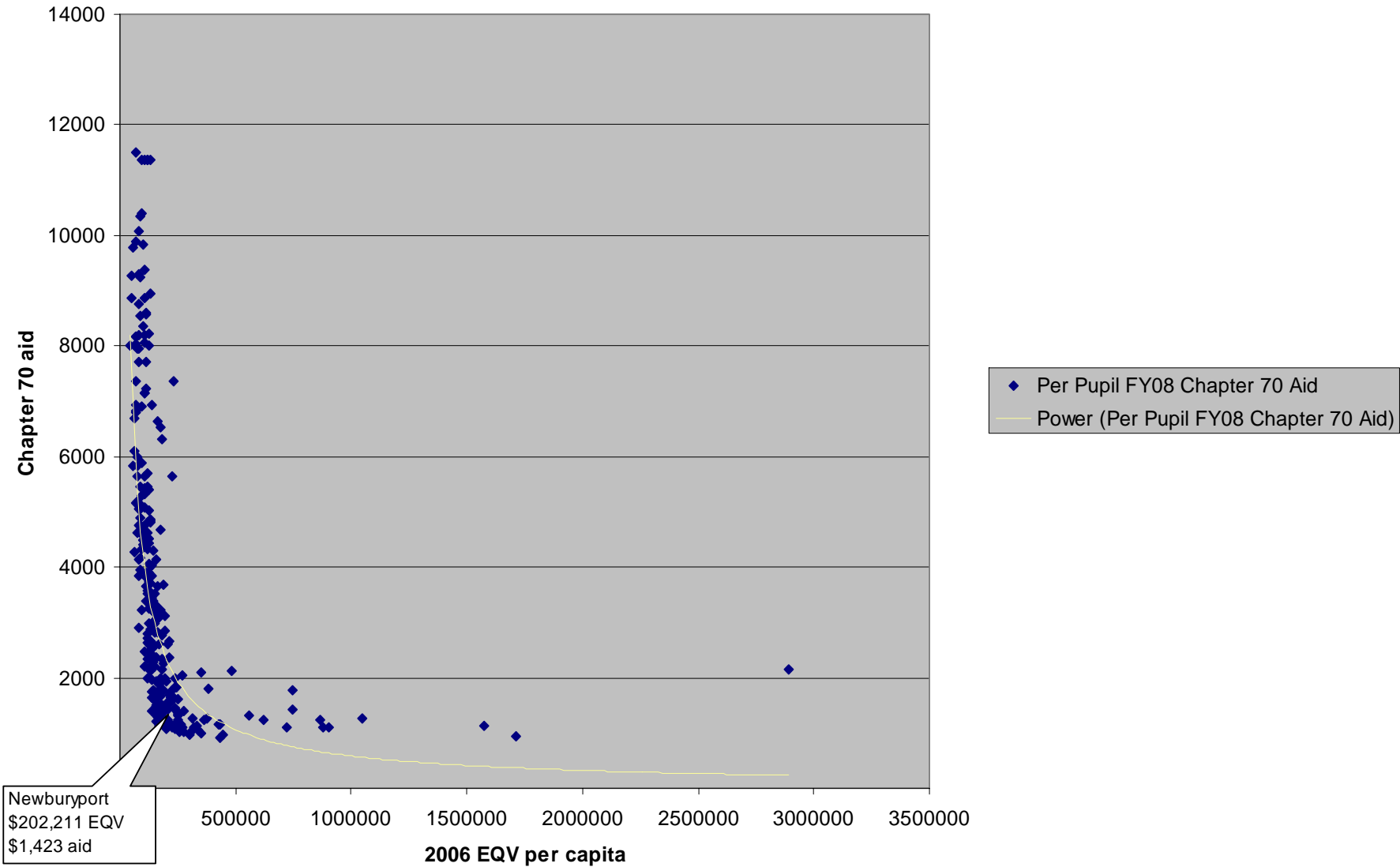
# MEDIAN INCOME: THE FACTS

% Chapter 70 Aid as a function of Median Household Income



# 2006 PROPERTY VALUES: THE FACTS

Per Pupil Chapter 70 Aid as a function of Per Capita Property Value



# NEWBURYPORT: THE FACTS

- **AVERAGE SINGLE FAMILY PROPERTY ASSESSMENT- \$488,111**
- **CHAPTER 70 TARGET CONTRIBUTION**  
**PROPERTY (\$3.5B)- 0.29%- \$ 10.4 MILLION**  
**INCOME (\$586M)- 1.58%- \$9.3 MILLION**  
**TOTAL- \$ 19.7 MILLION**

# CHAPTER 70 AS %FOUNDATION

FY07 Foundation Enrollment	LEA	District	FY08 Foundation Enrollment	FY08 Foundation Budget	Per Pupil Foundation Budget	FY08 Net Minimum Contribution	Per Pupil FY08 Chapter 70 Aid	FY08 Chapter 70 Aid	as Percent of FounDation Budget	FY08 Net School Spending
1,381	142	HULL	1,347	11,280,495	8,375	9,618,212	2,839	3,823,493	34%	13,441,705
2,557	7	AMESBURY	2,462	19,781,530	8,035	13,167,547	3,536	8,706,827	44%	21,874,374
998	252	ROCKPORT	988	8,076,763	8,175	7,497,665	1,339	1,322,612	16%	8,820,277
3,647	71	DANVERS	3,664	28,772,437	7,853	27,211,346	1,175	4,306,061	15%	31,517,407
2,804	284	STONEHAM	2,764	22,673,087	8,203	19,670,018	1,199	3,312,881	15%	22,982,899
2,266	204	NEWBURYPORT	2,270	18,138,185	7,990	18,210,192	1,423	3,229,204	18%	21,439,396
1,950	144	IPSMICH	1,956	15,825,234	8,091	13,644,898	1,224	2,393,856	15%	16,038,754
3,700	342	WILMINGTON	3,731	30,225,618	8,101	23,520,068	1,812	6,758,867	22%	30,278,935
3,423	305	WAKEFIELD	3,461	28,230,853	8,157	24,914,208	1,343	4,647,689	16%	29,561,897
3,420	178	MELROSE	3,461	27,602,186	7,975	21,907,581	1,645	5,694,605	21%	27,602,186
2,098	301	TYNGSBOROUGH	2,074	16,038,143	7,733	8,917,341	3,444	7,143,646	45%	16,060,987
1,513	105	GEORGETOWN	1,529	11,765,705	7,695	7,509,511	2,808	4,294,072	36%	11,803,583
2,148	291	SWAMPSCOTT	2,204	17,414,724	7,901	15,557,542	1,129	2,487,474	14%	18,045,016
2,666	217	NORTHREADING	2,676	21,182,765	7,916	15,869,112	1,986	5,313,653	25%	21,182,765
2,697	122	HANOVER	2,696	21,096,226	7,825	15,271,206	2,161	5,825,020	28%	21,096,226
2,103	164	LYNNFIELD	2,196	17,356,642	7,904	13,944,761	1,554	3,411,881	20%	17,356,642
3,186	168	MARBLEHEAD	3,190	24,883,006	7,800	20,408,599	1,403	4,474,407	18%	24,883,006
<b>2,503</b>	<b>Average</b>		<b>2,510</b>	<b>20,020,212</b>	<b>7,984</b>	<b>16,284,695</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>4,538,015</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>20,822,709</b>

# TEACHERS' SALARY

<b>CITY/TOWN</b>	<b>FY04</b>	<b>FY05</b>	<b>FY06</b>
<b><u>NEWBURYPORT</u></b>	\$47,951	\$58,839	\$52,549
<b>ANDOVER</b>	\$60,192	\$60,267	\$60,968
<b>HAVERHILL</b>	\$56,076	\$57,236	\$57,817
<b>NO ANDOVER</b>	\$52,887	\$53,394	\$55,180
<b>TRITON</b>	\$50,000	\$54,687	\$54,345
<b>PENTUCKET</b>	\$51,080	\$53,493	\$54,768
<b>NO READING</b>	\$51,242	\$53,520	\$54,362
<b>AMESBURY</b>	\$46,303	\$53,844	\$56,779
<b>BOSTON</b>	\$69,022	\$67,632	\$69,076
<b>STATE AVERAGE</b>	\$53,732	\$54,701	\$56,369



# SOLUTION:TAX INCREASES

## CITY OF NEWBURYPORT PROPERTY TAX BUDGET REVENUES 1%, 2%, and 2.5 % INCREASES

### 1% SCENARIO

REVENUES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
PROPERTY TAXES	ESTIMATED	PROJECTED	PROJECTED
Tax Levy	\$ 34,776,869	\$ 35,276,869	\$ 35,630,138
1% Increase	NA	\$ 352,769	\$ 356,301
New Growth	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
<b>Total Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$ 35,276,869</b>	<b>\$ 35,630,138</b>	<b>\$ 36,486,439</b>

### 2% SCENARIO

REVENUES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
PROPERTY TAXES	ESTIMATED	PROJECTED	PROJECTED
Tax Levy	\$ 34,776,869	\$ 35,276,869	\$ 35,982,906
2% Increase	NA	\$ 705,537	\$ 719,659
New Growth	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
<b>Total Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$ 35,276,869</b>	<b>\$ 35,982,906</b>	<b>\$ 37,202,565</b>

### 2.5% SCENARIO

REVENUES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
PROPERTY TAXES	ESTIMATED	PROJECTED	PROJECTED
Tax Levy	\$ 34,776,869	\$ 35,276,869	\$ 36,658,791
2.5% Increase	NA	\$ 881,922	\$ 916,410
New Growth	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
<b>Total Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$ 35,276,869</b>	<b>\$ 36,658,791</b>	<b>\$ 38,075,201</b>

# SOLUTIONS: HIGHER TAX INCREASES

## CITY OF NEWBURYPORT PROPERTY TAX BUDGET REVENUES 2.5%, 3.5%, and 4.5% INCREASES

### 2.5% SCENARIO

REVENUES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
PROPERTY TAXES	ESTIMATED	PROJECTED	PROJECTED
Tax Levy	\$ 33,928,653.00	\$ 35,276,869.00	\$ 36,658,791.00
2.5% Increase	\$ 848,216.00	\$ 881,922.00	\$ 916,470.00
New Growth	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
<b>Total Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$ 35,276,869.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,658,791.00</b>	<b>\$ 38,075,261.00</b>

### 3.5% SCENARIO

REVENUES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
PROPERTY TAXES	ESTIMATED	PROJECTED	PROJECTED
Tax Levy	\$ 34,776,869.00	\$ 35,276,869.00	\$ 36,512,059.00
3.5% Increase	NA	\$ 1,234,690.00	\$ 1,277,922.00
New Growth	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500,000.00
<b>Total Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$ 35,276,869.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,512,059.00</b>	<b>\$ 38,289,981.00</b>

### 4.5% SCENARIO

REVENUES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
PROPERTY TAXES	ESTIMATED	PROJECTED	PROJECTED
Tax Levy	\$ 34,776,869.00	\$ 35,276,869.00	\$ 36,864,828.00
4.5% Increase	NA	\$ 1,587,459.00	\$ 1,658,917.00
New Growth	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500,000.00
<b>Total Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$ 35,276,869.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,864,828.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,023,745.00</b>

# NEW TAX REVENUES

<b>NEW REVENUES - SUMMARY *</b>			
<b>% INCREASE</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>
2.5%	\$ 848,216.00	\$ 881,922.00	\$ 916,470.00
3.5%	NA	\$ 1,234,690.00	\$ 1,277,922.00
4.5%	NA	\$ 1,587,459.00	\$ 1,658,917.00

# SUMMARY

- **THE FINANCIAL PLIGHT OF THE NEWBURYPORT SCHOOLS CANNOT CONTINUE**
  - FURTHER EVEN SMALL DEFICITS WILL CUT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO MARGINAL CONDITIONS
  - ADDITIONS TO ENHANCE ARE REQUIRED & NOT FURTHER REDUCTIONS WHICH CAN ONLY OCCUR WITH LOSS OF TEACHERS
  - HIGH SCHOOL ACCREDITATION WILL BE IN JEOPARDY
- **CHAPTER 70 FUNDING CLEARLY UNDERFUNDS NEWBURYPORT SCHOOLS**
  - SPED TRANSPORTATION COSTS HAVE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY WITH LITTLE STATE AID ESP WITH NEWBURYPORT'S HIGH INDISTRICT STUDENTS
- **FURTHER EMERGENT STATE AID IS REQUIRED OR LOCAL TAX INCREASES WILL BE NECESSARY**
  - THE STATE LEAVES NO RECOURSE TO COMMUNITIES WHO LACK SUPPORT FOR PROP 2 ½ OVERRIDES
  - HIGHER CHAP 70 % FOUNDATION BUDGET GIVEN AFFLUENCE WRT OTHER COMMUNITIES

# FY 09 STATE ASSISTANCE

- **ALTERATION IN WAGE ADJUSTMENT FACTOR: BOSTON TO FRAMINGHAM**
  - **SMALL INCREMENTAL CHANGE**
- **PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SPED TRANSPORTATION**
  - **NPORT SAVES COSTS BY INCREASED IN DISTRICT PUPILS**
- **ALTERATION IN CHAP 70 SPED ENROLLMENT FORMULA TO REFLECT REAL NUMBERS OF PUPILS**
  - **> 3.75% & 1% OF TOTAL ENROLLMENTS**
- **ADDITIONAL CHAP 70 FUNDS TO COMMUNITIES SUCH AS NPORT WHO PAY HIGHER PERCENTAGE**
  - **\$130-160,000 PER YEAR FOR 4 YEARS**
- **PROVIDE CITY ADDITIONAL MEANS FOR REVENUE GENERATION**
  - **FOR COMMUNITIES WHO DON'T CARE FOR OVERRIDE**
  - **CHOICE/CHARTER (\$5000 FOR CHOICE VS \$10,000 TO CHARTERS)**

# POTENTIAL STATE SOLUTIONS

- **GOVERNOR'S MUNICIPAL PLAN**
  - **GIC DEADLINE EXTENSION & DECREASED TERM**
- **INCREASE THE MINIMUM STATE CHAP 70 CONTRIBUTION**
  - **17.5% TO 20-25%**
  - **NO EFFECT ON OTHER COMMUNITY CHAP 70 FUNDING**
- **INCREASE SPED REIMBURSEMENT TO REFLECT TRUE NUMBERS OF PUPILS**
  - **INCREASE SPED TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT SIMILAR TO REGIONAL SCHOOL REIMBURSEMENT**
- **STATE-MATCHED MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASES**
  - **SIMILAR TO CPA-SCHOOL PRESERVATION ACT**
  - **HELPS CITIES/TOWN TO INCREASE REVENUES EASILY**
- **MEALS TAX**
- **CONSIDERATION OF OVERALL CHAP 70 REFORM**
  - **LONG TERM SOLUTION**









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