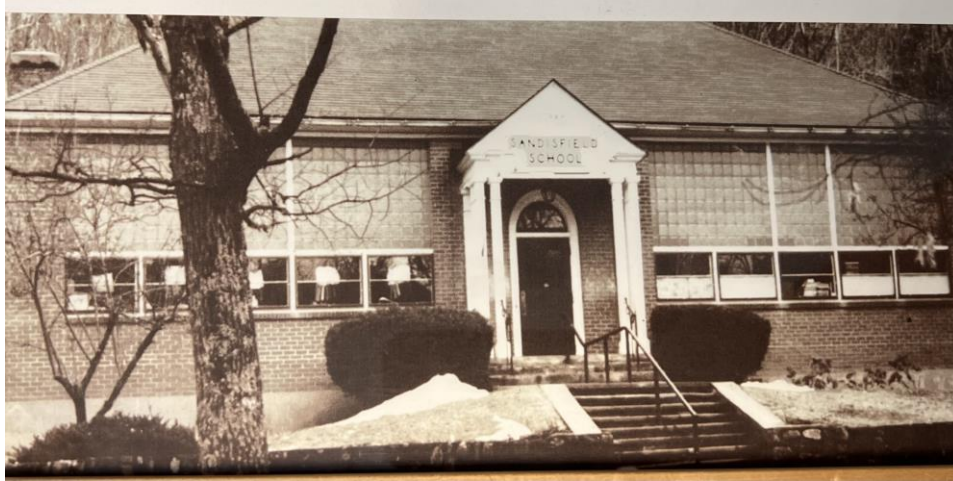


**PROPOSED REVISIONS:
REGIONAL DISTRICT
AGREEMENT 2025**

FARMINGTON RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FRRSD BACKGROUND



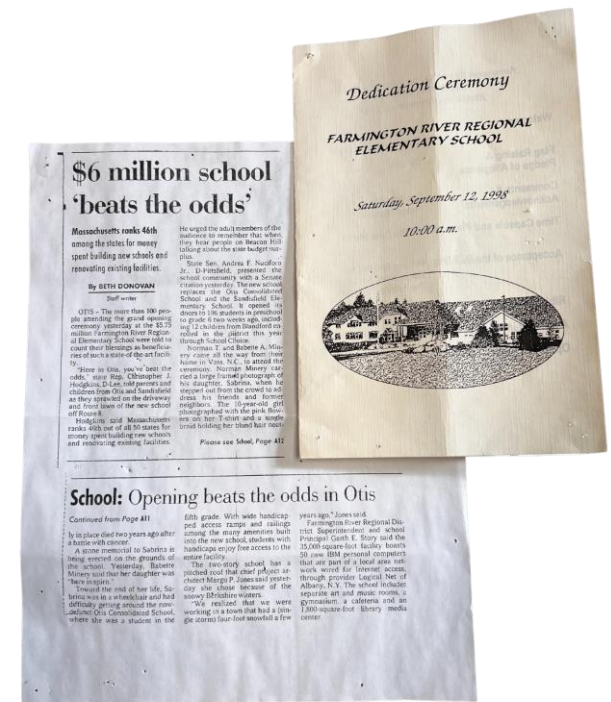
- PRIOR TO 1992: Each town operates its own town school, administered as part of distinct superintendency unions.
- 1992: Two towns regionalize into new district with a common budget and superintendent.



Farmington River Regional School

FRRSD BACKGROUND

- New school 1998
- 30 years of collaboration



RDA REVISIONS: RATIONALE



Request of the Town of Sandisfield to consider sustainability issues related to cost apportionment.



Subsequent vote and request of Sandisfield to amend the agreement to identify terms and conditions of withdrawal.

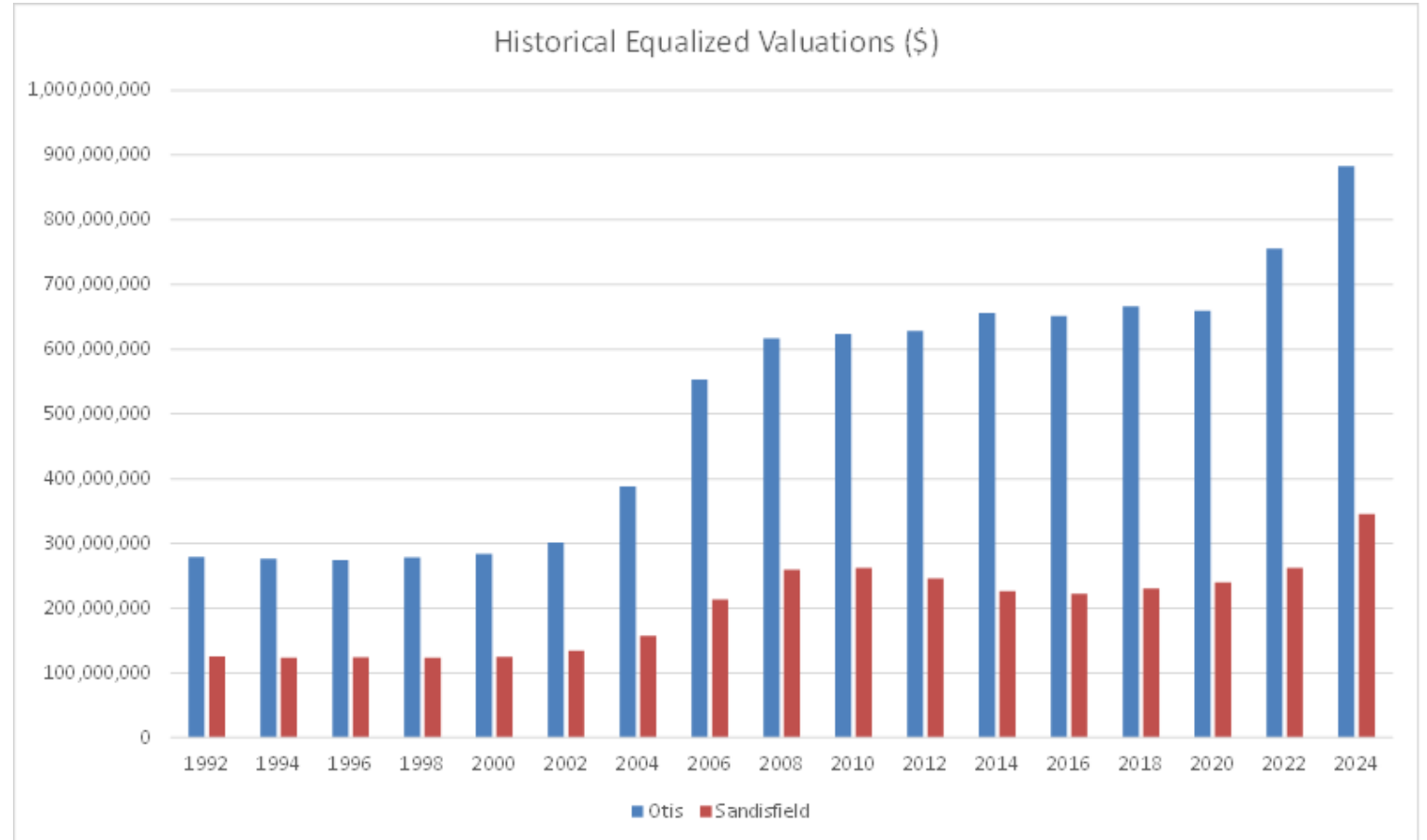


Program and statutory changes indicated updates to some of the RDA's sections.

FRRSD ASSESSMENTS

YEAR	Total Assessment	OTIS share	SANDISFIELD share	Percentage split
1998-1999	\$1,845,233	\$1,224,128	\$621,105	66/34
2001-2002	\$1,956,353	\$1,290,108	\$666,245	66/34
2004-2005	\$2,187,417	\$1,429,001	\$758,416	65/35
2010-2011	\$3,252,308	\$2,073,871	\$1,178,437	64/36
2015-2016	\$3,711,685	\$2,337,787	\$1,373,898	63/37
2023-2024	\$3,849,071	\$2,301,992	\$1,547,079	60/40

TOWN DATA BY YEAR:EQV





DLS

DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES
MA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Data Analytics and Resources Bureau

DOR Income per Capita
Data current as of 01/23/2025

Municipality(ies): Fiscal Year(s):

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DOR Code	Municipality	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
225	Otis	23,230	23,477	23,933	27,266	28,600	35,607	21,065	24,037	24,341	26,603	28,847	28,670	29,326	29,168	33,141	35,153	35,226	41,157	50,272
260	Sandisfield	14,055	15,070	15,901	17,215	18,173	18,051	14,776	16,435	16,267	16,211	20,012	20,953	20,129	19,531	25,675	22,113	19,338	23,596	29,501

TOWN DATA BY YEAR: INCOME PER CAPITA

FY 24 Basis	OTIS	SANDISFIELD
FRRSD Cost as % of tax levy	40.99%	47.03%
FRRSD Portion of ASFTB	\$1225	\$1783
FRRSD Cost as % of IPC	2.98%	7.56%

FY 25 Basis	OTIS	SANDISFIELD
FRRSD Cost as % of tax levy	38.18%	46.43%
FRRSD Portion of ASFTB	\$1278	\$1685
FRRSD Cost as % of IPC	2.54%	5.71%

**TOWN DATA: SCHOOL COSTS AS
% OF TAX LEVY, ASFT, IPC
(CURRENT RDA)**

COMBINED EFFORT YIELD (CEY)

In the Massachusetts Chapter 70 school funding formula, "Combined Effort Yield" refers to the calculated sum of a municipality's equalized property valuation (multiplied by a uniform property percentage) and its municipal income (multiplied by a uniform income percentage), essentially representing a measure of a town's overall ability to fund education based on its wealth level.

	Otis			Sandisfield			A % of CEY Difference
	CEY	Total Assessment (A)	A % of CEY	CEY	Total Assessment (A)	A % of CEY	
FY19	\$3,055,021	\$2,421,150	79.25%	\$1,078,573	\$1,443,802	133.86%	54.61%
FY20	\$2,991,542	\$2,389,710	79.88%	\$926,306	\$1,553,966	167.76%	87.88%
FY21	\$3,151,253	\$2,352,330	74.65%	\$1,164,387	\$1,652,728	141.94%	67.29%
FY22	\$2,960,227	\$1,988,757	67.18%	\$1,077,416	\$1,453,014	134.86%	67.68%
FY23	\$3,265,803	\$2,141,357	65.57%	\$1,160,614	\$1,426,042	122.87%	57.30%
FY24	\$3,698,113	\$2,302,460	62.26%	\$1,281,171	\$1,547,355	120.78%	58.52%
FY25	\$4,117,067	\$2,385,519	57.94%	\$1,436,564	\$1,580,296	110.01%	52.06%

FY23 MA average A% of CEY Difference across all 33 of its 2 town regional districts is 21.89%, with a median of 15.85%

TOWN DATA: ASSESSMENTS AS % OF CEY

**PROPOSED
APPORTIONMENT
REVISIONS:
TRANSPORTATION**

CURRENT RDA:

Transportation assessed to towns based on three-year average enrollment. FY 25 basis: Otis 57.56%, Sandisfield 42.44%

PROPOSED REVISED RDA:

Transportation assessed to towns based on their required minimum local contribution fraction. FY 25 basis: Otis 61.5%, Sandisfield 38.5%

**PROPOSED
APPORTIONMENT
REVISION:
CAPITAL COSTS
AND DEBT**

CURRENT RDA:

Capital costs are assessed using an average of EQV percentage and the three-year average enrollment percentage. FY 25 basis: Otis 66%, Sandisfield 34%

PROPOSED REVISED RDA:

Capital Costs are assessed using the EQV percentage. FY 25 basis: Otis *74.25%, Sandisfield *25.75% (*DLS 2022)

**PROPOSED
APPORTIONMENT
REVISION:
OPERATING
COSTS**

CURRENT RDA:

Adjusted operating costs assessed to towns based on three-year average enrollment. FY 25 basis: Otis 57.56%, Sandisfield 42.44%

Total Assessment FY25 Basis: 60%, Sandisfield 40%

PROPOSED REVISED RDA:

1. Adjusted operating costs are assessed by first applying the required minimum local contribution fraction. (FY 25 basis: Otis 61.5%, Sandisfield 38.5%)
2. After preliminary operating assessments are determined (above), these amounts are calculated as a percent of Combined Effort Yield.
3. If the preliminary operating assessment amounts vary by more than 20 percentage points, incremental adjustment will be made up or down until the difference in percent does not exceed 20%.

Estimated Total Assessment FY25 Basis: Otis 68.33%, Sandisfield 31.67%

	Current RDA	Proposed RDA
Apportionment Change	\$0	\$324,136
%Apportionment Change, Otis	0.00%	13.59%
%Apportionment Change, Sandisfield	0.00%	-20.51%
ASFTB Change, Otis	\$0	+\$174
ASFTB Change, Sandisfield	\$0	-\$346
ASFTB as % of IPC, Otis	6.49%	6.83%
ASFTB as % of IPC, Sandisfield	12.30%	11.13%
FRRSD Apportionment Share, Otis	60.15%	68.33%
FRRSD Apportionment Share, Sandisfield	39.15%	31.67%
Assessment as %of CEY, Otis	55.22%	62.86%
Assessment as %of CEY, Sandisfield	104.75%	82.86%

PROPOSED APPORTIONMENT REVISIONS: IMPACTS (FY25 BASIS)

OTHER PROPOSED RDA CHANGES

Section I

Section I:
Clarification of
PreK Program

Section II

Section II:
Composition of
School
Committee

Section IX

Section IX:
Withdrawal and
Termination

Section XI

Section XI:
Periodic Review

POSSIBLE OUTCOMES



Proposed RDA approved by towns and DESE Commissioner.



Proposed RDA rejected by one or both towns, current RDA remains in effect.



Sandisfield re-issues request for terms of withdrawal.

QUESTIONS?

