

Cape Elizabeth Schools Background 2014-2018

CAPE ELIZABETH SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MARCH 2023

The Past 10 Years: A Time of Transition

- Superintendent Changes
- Facilities Director Changes
- New Town Manager
- Changes in Finance Personnel for Town and Schools
- Changes in Accounting Systems
- Establishment of Joint Town/School Finance Committee

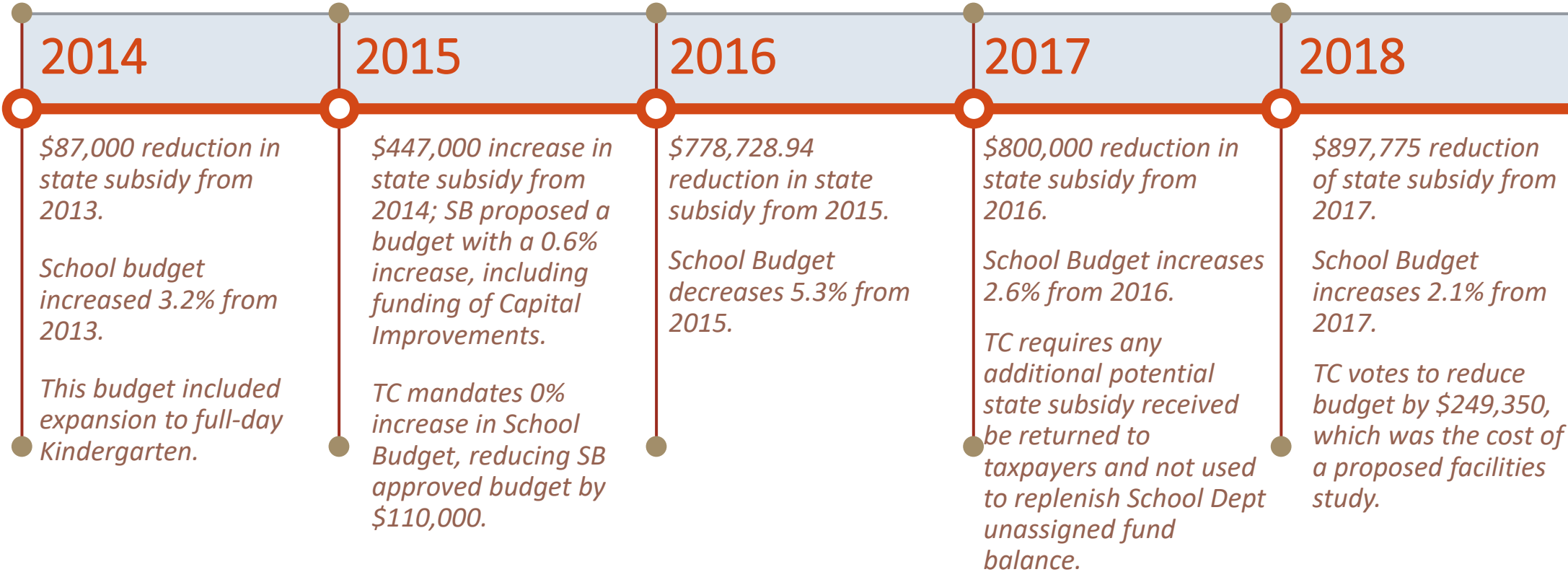
2014: Proposed Capital Improvement Plan

- Included \$11.8 million in projected school capital improvement projects over ten-year period (estimated \$53 million replacement cost for school capital assets)
- Recommended \$2.7 million in bond funding (\$1.75 million in 2016, \$850,000 in 2022 (roof replacement in 2022))
- \$8.6 million would be funded through annual school CIP budget and \$580,000 in other financing (municipal lease)
- Approximately 75% of projected needs projected to be funded through annual school CIP budget



School Budget History

2014-2018



2016-2020: Facilities Work & Planning

- At this time, the urgent priorities were Safety and the Cafetorium
- Many safety upgrades were done by town staff, including door upgrades, secure entry vestibules and security cameras
- The 2012 Harriman Report provided a high-level overview of the following items, however more details were needed to create a plan to address issues such as:
 - ADA compliance
 - Structural concerns
 - Fire code concerns
 - Roof conditions
 - Basic overall building construction
- A more detailed Facilities Assessment was recommended, which would also include:
 - Meeting with staff to document educational needs and space requirements
 - Assessment of security, in the current environment
 - Provide a roadmap for prioritizing and addressing needs on a project-by-project basis
 - Recommendation for the best overall investment going forward
- The 2018 Needs Assessment has been an effective tool for obtaining grant funding (SRRF, Covid Relief funds)