

# The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

## Student nurses at COA



Nursing students from the University of Massachusetts are working at the Senior Center every Thursday from 9am-1pm from February to May. They are working on education, events, public health issues and more. Stop by and say Hi!

### PUBLIC HEALTH

The Town of South Hadley (amounts for town in parentheses) has already elected into settlements with various distributors (\$582,382.09) and J&J (\$129,263). The earliest the funds can be appropriated is May 2024, or before if there is a special town meeting.

The Selectboard has voted to reach opioid settlements with Teva (\$108,524.93), Allergan (\$64,653.99), Walgreens (\$156,099.27), Walmart (\$81,292.06) and CVS (\$143,553.38).

Eligible uses:  
[www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-abatement-terms/download](http://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-abatement-terms/download)

The Town will seek input on the use of the funds from community members, partners and organizations.

### Selectboard

The next meetings will be on Tuesday, March 7 and March 21 at 7pm at the Senior Center.  
[www.southhadley.org/agendacenter](http://www.southhadley.org/agendacenter)

### Budget

A draft budget will be presented to the Selectboard on March 7 and the Appropriations Committee on March 14. The Selectboard will vote on the budget on March 21.

### Soup Drive

The South Hadley and Granby first responder's soup drive yielded over 800 pounds of soup donated to those in need. Thank you to all the donations

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## GOV. HEALEY PROVIDES EARLY RELEASE OF PROPOSED FY24 LOCAL AID NUMBERS (From the Mass Municipal Association)

- \$24.6M INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED MUNICIPAL AID (2.0%)
- CH. 70 PLAN WOULD INCREASE FY24 SCHOOL AID BY \$586M (9.8%)
- 119 SCHOOL DISTRICTS WOULD RECEIVE NEW AID OF ONLY \$30/STUDENT
- INCLUDES NEW \$10M RESERVE FOR REQUIRED LOCAL CONTRIBUTION RELIEF
- SPECIAL EDUCATION CIRCUIT BREAKER INCREASED BY \$63M
- CHARTER SCHOOL REIMBURSEMENTS LEVEL-FUNDED AT \$243M
- RURAL SCHOOL AID INCREASED TO \$7.5M (36%)



- REGIONAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION INCREASED BY \$14.9M
- OUT-OF-DISTRICT VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION INCREASED TO \$5.2M
- MCKINNEY-VENTO TRANSPORTATION FULLY FUNDED AT \$28.7M
- PILOT INCREASED BY \$6.5M (12.6%)
- \$100M FOR NEW MASSDOT MUNI GRANT PROGRAM
- COMMUNITY COMPACT GRANT FUNDING DOUBLED

The allocations can be found at: [www.mass.gov/service-details/local-aidcherry-sheets](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/local-aidcherry-sheets)