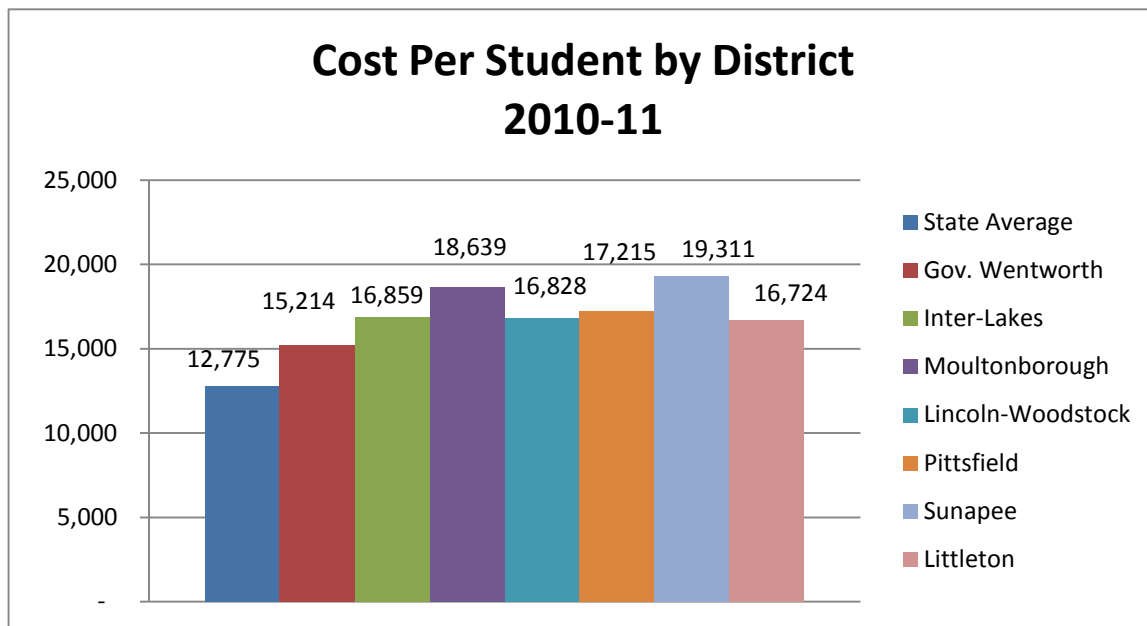


Why is Moultonborough's cost per student higher than most other districts?

The chart below compares Moultonborough's cost per student with the costs of several other school districts:

-- Our immediate neighbors, Governor Wentworth and Inter-Lakes, and ----

--Other Class "S" (small schools) in the same general geographic area of the state that support grades K-12 in-district. (Some districts tuition their students to regional high schools).



(Data from State of NH Department of Education website)

--As a small K-12 school district, we do not have many of the economies of scale associated with larger districts. For example, if the cost for a teacher was \$50,000, and there were 100 students enrolled in her classes, the cost per student would be \$500. Another school with a teacher costing the same \$50,000, but with an enrollment of 125 would be paying a lower cost per student of \$400. Public schools with smaller enrollments typically have a higher cost per student.

-- The same principal extends to other areas of the budget; for example, heating and maintenance costs are about the same whether there are 300 or 350 students enrolled. Facility costs are determined more by the size of the buildings rather than the number of students.

--The State subtracts tuition payments made by a district before calculating per student costs. Because Moultonborough's IEP team is determined to educate as many special education students as possible in programs right here in our schools (unlike many other schools), the cost of these programs are included

in our per student costs. If we paid tuition to place these students in out of district programs, rather than educate them in house, those payment would NOT be included in our per student costs.

What are the Benefits of having our own High School?

--The residents of Moultonborough have taken great pride in offering high school course options that provide our students with the same strong academic opportunities available in larger districts. We offer six Advanced Placement courses, several honors courses, and three foreign languages (French, Spanish and Latin). One trade-off when offering this strong array of courses is a higher per student cost.

--In an effort to create more cost efficiency, Moultonborough Academy and Inter-Lakes High School students have been permitted to enroll in Advanced Placement courses offered at either high school since the 2009-10 school year. This fall will see Inter-Lakes students attend MA's Advanced Placement Environmental Science course, while MA students will enroll in Inter-Lakes' Advanced Placement Computer class.

-- In 1980, the residents of Moultonborough chose to break away from a cooperative high school arrangement with Governor Wentworth, well aware of the fact that it would cost taxpayers more per student. Reasons for the separation included lack of curriculum control, the distance students had to be transported, and the fact that Moultonborough at least partially subsidized the other towns in the district, due to a tuition formula partly based on each town's assessed valuation.