

# Five Year Historical Analysis FY05 to FY09

Arlington Public Schools

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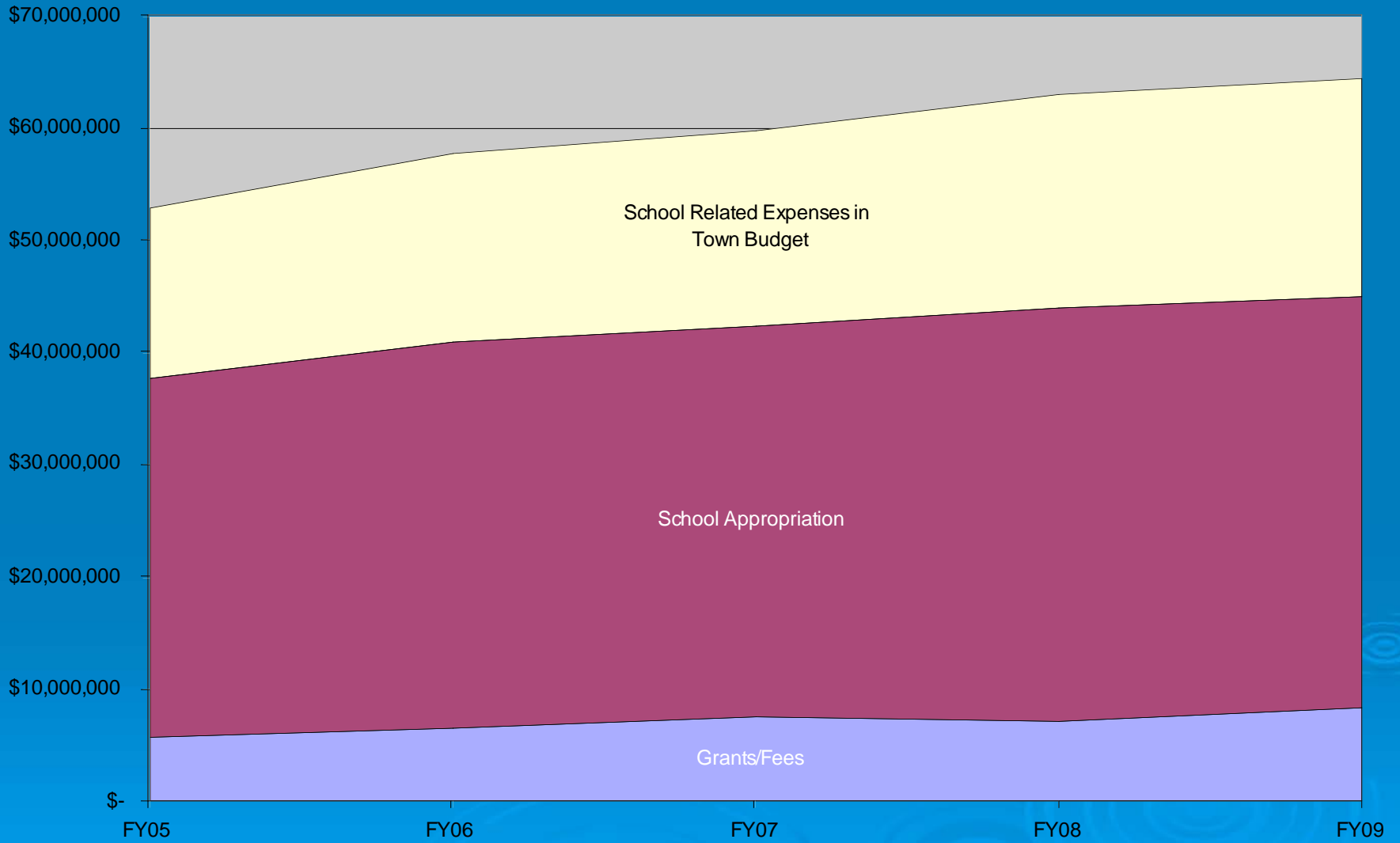
# Data Source

- All data used in this analysis comes from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education End of Year Report.
- These reports have been created for Arlington by the same person for many years, and have all been independently audited.

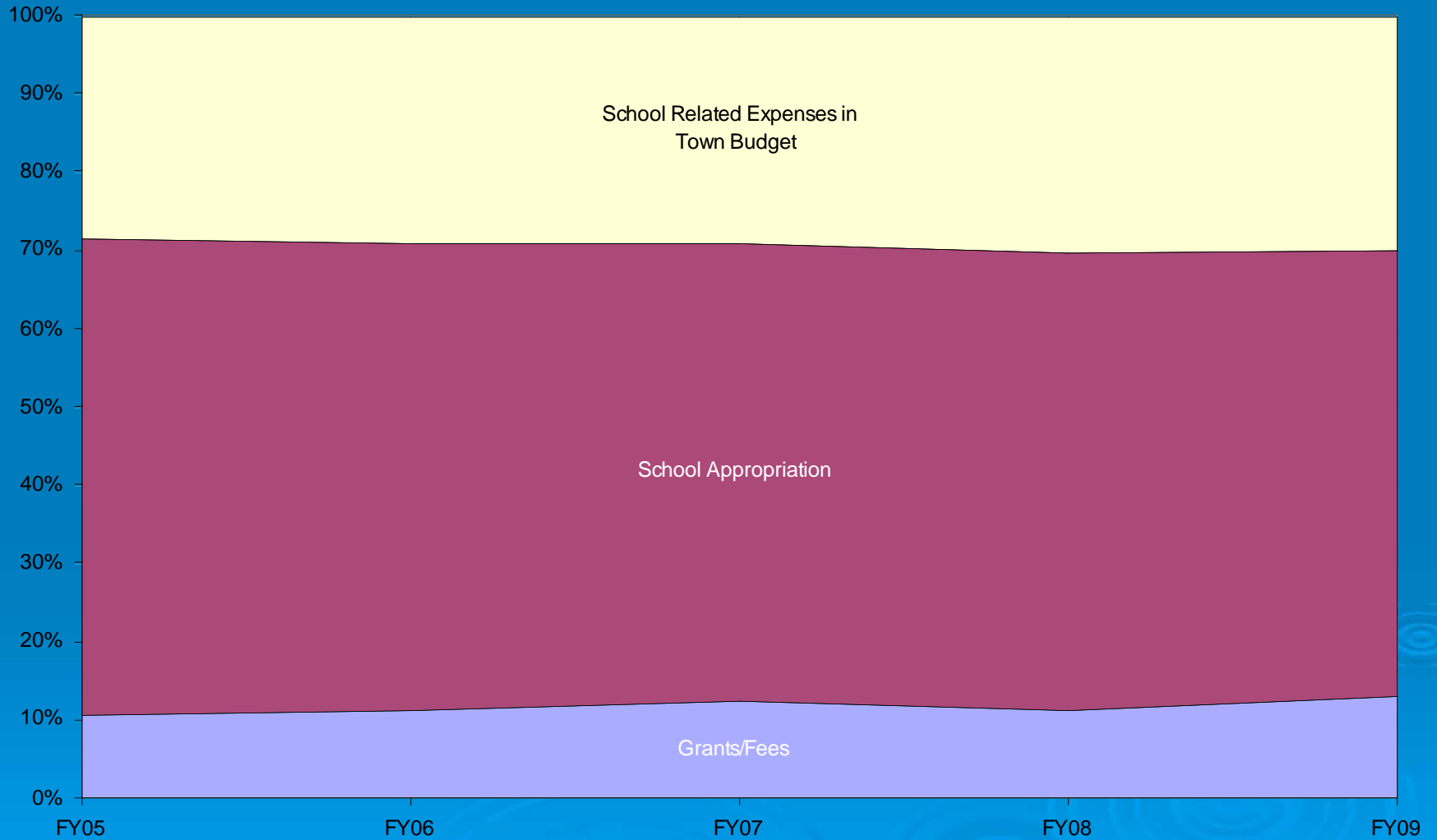
# Significant Trends - Funding

- Since FY05 we have increased our dependence on Grants and Fees to maintain our level of service.
- Grants and Fees have increased 48% over five years, while at the same time School Appropriations have increased 14% and Town funding of school related costs have increased 29%.

### Funding Sources for School Expenditures over Five Years



## Funding Sources for School Expenditures over Five Years as a Percentage of Total



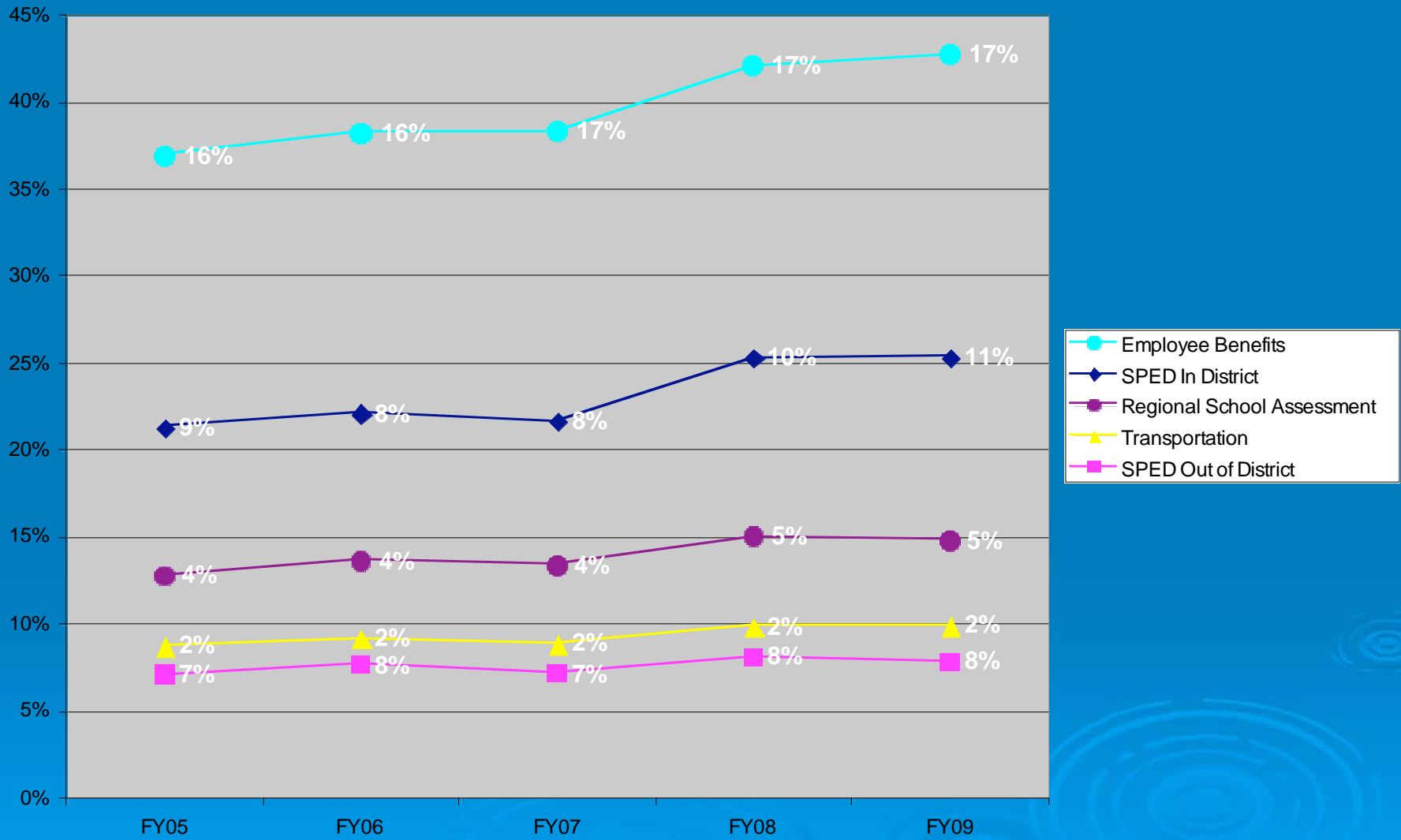
# Significant Trends- Expenditures

- Of the School Appropriation, over the last five years regular education expenditures have increased by 4%, while Special Education expenditures have increased by 43%.
- During this time, student population has grown by 6%, while the Special Education population has decreased by 1%.

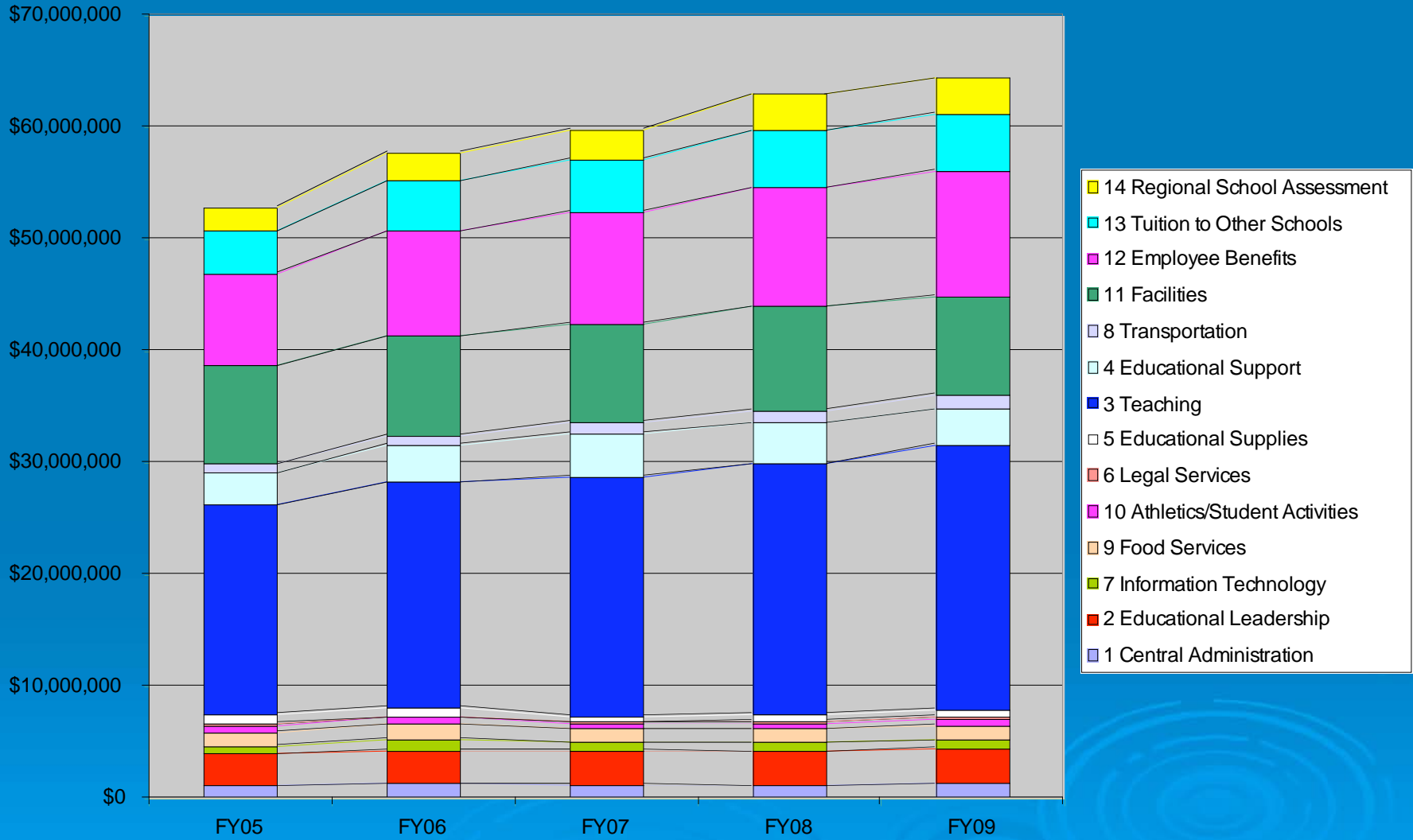
# Key Areas of Cost Growth

- There have been five areas of major cost growth in the last five years:
  - Employee Benefits
  - In-District Special Education Costs
  - Regional School Assessment
  - Transportation
  - Out-of-District Special Education Tuition

### Percentage of Total Expenditure in Key Growth Areas



### Five Year Analysis by Aggregated Budget Categories



# Looking Forward

- For FY09, Special Education shows its smallest increase in five years, at a mere 2% of total School Appropriation.
- Prior to last year, Special Education expenditures grew at 16%, 9% and 10% for this five year period.
- Efforts are needed to better control Employee Benefit cost growth.