



Arlington Public Schools
Business Office
869 Massachusetts Avenue
Arlington, Massachusetts 02476
Telephone 781-316-3511

Diane Fisk Johnson, Chief Financial Officer
djohanson@arlington.k12.ma.us

February 6, 2012

Dear Members of the School Committee:

Attached please find the January 2012 monthly tracking reports, which consist of:

- Financial Reporting Summary
- Budget Tracking Report as of February 2, 2012
- Grant Expenditures as of February 2, 2012
- Revolving Expenditures as of February 2, 2012
- Revolving Revenues as of February 2, 2012
- Position Control as of February 3, 2012

Thanks to the diligent efforts of Leslie Bearden and Paula Neville in the Business Office, I am happy to report today that we have reduced our number of non-paying Kindergarten parents to zero. No parents chose to remove their children from the full day program during this period of intensified collection efforts. Rather, all parents have either complied with the requirements necessary to grant them a fee waiver or reduction, or have made at least an initial payment on what they owe. As a result, we can now more accurately estimate what our kindergarten fee collections will be for FY12, and we project that they will exceed our budget expectations. Our next step is to reach out to those parents who have fallen behind in their payments.

While the Business office was focused on Kindergarten fees, the Special Education office and Menotomy Preschool program worked to improve their fee collections as well. I understand that their parents are now all current in their payments.

Our projections for Tuition In payments have been lowered for FY12. Based on our enrollment numbers of Special Education students placed in group homes in Arlington, we must reduce our expectations by over one third. At the same time we can increase our building rental fee projections, based on our building usage expected for the second half of the year. These two items effectively wash each other out in terms of our overall revenue expectations.

Overall, our expenses are tracking slightly under budget for FY12 at this time. Should the winter continue mild and snowless, we stand to realize additional savings. However, it is too early to project this with any degree of certainty.

We will be submitting an outline of the Superintendent's Proposed FY13 Budget at the School Committee meeting this Thursday.

Sincerely,
Diane Fisk Johnson, Chief Financial Officer