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Dear Members of the School Committee:

Attached please find the May 2015 monthly tracking reports, which consist of:

Monthly Summary Report
Budget Tracking Report as of May 8, 2015
Grant Expenditure Report as of May 8, 2015
Revolving Expenditure Report as of May 8, 2015
Revolving Revenues as of May 8, 2015

I am sorry that I am not able to be present for the School Committee Meeting this week. The Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) holds its Annual Institute every year in May, and this year it conflicts with the first School Committee meeting of the month. I am sending you the reports as usual. If you have questions, please contact me via email and I will be able to respond to them while I am at the conference.

As reported in the prior months, unexpected enrollment growth led us to hire more positions than originally budgeted. Additionally, both the Kindergarten and the METCO grants have been reduced for FY15 by the state. These reports reflect the impact of the Kindergarten reductions but do not yet show the changes that are happening to METCO, due to delays with receiving an approval of our reduced budget plan from the state.

At present, out of district Special Education tuition is still running below budget. If placements remain steady, I will be able to recommend \$200,000 be moved for future years. The transfer amount you see in the Budget Tracking report, line 83201 – Tuition to Other



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Schools is the total amount of the FY14 Circuit Breaker. We will be moving \$1,666,231 of tuition expenses from the general fund to use up the Circuit Breaker funding from the prior year. The FY15 Circuit Breaker amount of \$1,961,263 is budgeted to be used as part of the FY16 budget.

Line 81302 – Snow and Ice Removal is still \$21,339 below budget. Given the extensive snow removal spending that the Town accumulated, in part directly due to work done on behalf of the Schools, I would recommend that these funds be returned to the Town. I am showing them as pending expenditures in this report cycle.

In lines 82103 – Power/Electricity and 82103 – Natural Gas, we are showing our anticipated expenditures through the remainder of the fiscal year. As in prior years, we will be moving expenditures to the Building Rental account to offset some of the impact to the general fund.

87601 – Court Judgements/ Damage Settlements still show the expectation that the \$200,000 budgeted will be expensed. At present, there is nothing to suggest that to be the case. I have maintained this expectation as a means of reserving the \$200,000 in Special Education tuition savings slated for transfer to long term reserves. I chose to handle it this way because I wanted to be able to show the full impact of Circuit Breaker in the 83201 – Tuition to Other Schools line.

Even with the expectation of returning \$200,000 for Special Education reserve and \$21,339 to help the Town with their snow and ice deficit, I now project our end of year deficit balance to be slightly below \$300,000. As we move through May and June, this number may shrink



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further as we release unused encumbrances. The final deficit will be covered from the Foreign Visa revolving account at the close of the fiscal year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Diane Fisk Johnson