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Dear Members of the School Committee:

Attached please find the April 2016 monthly tracking reports, which consist of:

- Monthly Summary Report
- Budget Tracking Report as of April 1, 2016
- Grant Expenditure Report as of April 1, 2016
- Revolving Expenditure Report as of April 1, 2016
- Revolving Revenues as of April 1, 2016

Not much has changed since our last monthly report. Final submissions for purchasing requests are due to the Business Office on April 15, and we will work diligently to process them in time for the May reports.

We are still showing an overage in the General Fund. At the beginning of the year, we encumber our estimates for the entire year where we can. We also do the majority of our repair and upgrade work during the summer months while school is out of session. Of course, supplies and instructional materials are also purchased heavily during the summer months in anticipation of the school year. At this point, we project each budget line as if it will be fully expended, which is contrary to our experience, but is the most conservative way to consider our expenditure patterns.

Despite the freakish show of April 4, this winter is proving to be warmer and less snowy than a typical year. While I am not yet projecting savings in energy or snow removal, if the winter continues as it has been I think we will be able to go a long way toward closing the budget gap in those areas. In any event, there are sufficient reserves to cover this possible shortfall.

Sincerely,

Diane Fisk Johnson