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Dear Members of the School Committee:

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

Monthly Summary Report
Budget Tracking Report as of September 2, 2015
Revolving Expenditure Report as of September 2, 2015
Revolving Revenues as of September 2, 2015
FY16 Revised Funding Summary as of September 8, 2015

Happy First Day of School!

I am happy to report good news for the start of FY16. Contrary to our expectations last spring, the Kindergarten Grant has been renewed, although at a lower level than FY15. We have also seen an increase in funding in METCO, Title 1, Title 2A, Title 3, SpEd Early Childhood, SpEd 94-142 and SpEd Program Improvement. There was a slight reduction in the Academic Support Grant.

However, given the changes required by the DESE for billing our tuition-in students, I feel it is only prudent to reduce our expectations for Tuition-In collections by \$100,000.

Overall, considering our grants and revolving changes, our budget has increased by \$28,997 for FY16.

There is no grant funding report for this month, since most grant expenditures over the summer are on prior year grants. Grant reports will resume in October.



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The Budget Tracking report is projecting some overage, primarily in the area of facilities. As you know, the High School elevator is down, and requires a major repair that will set the elevator line \$80,000 over budget.

At this time of 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.

Final numbers for FY15 will be provided next month, after the submission of the End of the Year Report on September 30.

Sincerely,

Diane Fisk Johnson