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%.
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Funding Sources for School Expenditures over Five Years as a Percentage of Total:

- School Related Expenses in Town Budget
- School Appropriation
- Grants/Fees
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
Five Year Analysis by Aggregated Budget Categories

- 14 Regional School Assessment
- 13 Tuition to Other Schools
- 12 Employee Benefits
- 11 Facilities
- 8 Transportation
- 4 Educational Support
- 3 Teaching
- 5 Educational Supplies
- 6 Legal Services
- 10 Athletics/Student Activities
- 9 Food Services
- 7 Information Technology
- 2 Educational Leadership
- 1 Central Administration
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.