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Dear Members of the School Committee:

Attached please find the March 2011 tracking reports.

With new information from Special Education regarding Tuition In payment collections, we have reduced our estimate for FY11 from \$635,000 to \$535,000. This is due primarily to lower numbers of students from whom it would be possible to collect tuition than was anticipated. While strong efforts continue to collect all tuitions owed to us, given the difficulties reported by Mr. Ryder and our attorney, it may be necessary to further reduce our estimates as the year progresses. This is an area which will continue to require close attention.

Given this reduction in our revenue estimation, we are presently tracking slightly over budget for FY11. I hope that our Building Rental fees will continue to show strong performance. As of March 1, we have collected 90% of our budgeted amount in this area. If Building Rentals continue at a similar pace through the end of the year, it will make up much of the loss from Tuition In.

However, this situation raises concern about additional reductions to Athletic Fees. Should Spring Athletic collections fall short of budget estimates, and Tuition In collections fall short of our revised expectations, we may need to make cuts to bring us back into balance. Given the uncertainty of our Tuition In collections, I would recommend against changes to Athletic Fees at this time.

Sincerely,

Diane Fisk Johnson
Chief Financial Officer