November 3, 2010

Arlington School Committee
Arlington Public Schools

Dear Members of the School Committee:

Attached please find the November, FY11 monthly budget tracking reports. The Budget Tracking format is that suggested by the Budget Subcommittee and is the same as last month.

This month’s report continues to reflect the fact that grants and revolving funds are not yet set up to receive direct expenses. During this set up interval, all expenses will hit to the Town Appropriation budget, causing it to track higher than one would expect.

The distribution of positions and expenses to each grant and revolving fund was finalized during the preparation of the FY11 Budget voted on October 26, 2010. The Business and Payroll Offices are now at work on adjusting all salaries to hit directly to their final location. Once this change is complete, adjustments will be made to make these corrections retroactive to the start of the contract or fiscal year. This is a lengthy process, but we hope to have it completed by the next monthly report. At that time, expense reports showing activity in the grant and revolving funds will be added to the monthly packet.

November’s monthly Budget Tracking is now using the budget dated 10.26.10. This updated budget will be the one presented at Town Meeting on November 15, identifying the funds to be returned to the Town at that time.

The Position Control report of October 26, 2010 is the most recent. There have been no changes since that time.

The Revolving Revenues report shows what has been collected and processed as of November 3, 2010. Kindergarten reflects many full payments made at the beginning of the year, rather than partial payments throughout the year. Athletic fees show payments to date.

Sincerely,

Diane Fisk Johnson
Chief Financial Officer