

Arlington Public Schools Town Meeting 2012



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Introduction

- APS Demographics
- APS Highlights
- Athletic Safety
- Budget Overview
- Special Education Update & Trends
- Conclusion – Additional Accomplishments

Arlington Public Schools

- Annual enrollment growth
 - averaged 1-3/4% a year since 2000
- Since 2005, the equivalent of an additional elementary school has enrolled
- Per pupil cost below state average
 - APS FY11 per pupil \$12,880
 - State average per pupil \$13,369

APS Academic Highlights

- AHS awarded Gold Medal - US News & World Report
 - Rated #26 in MA, #491 in US
- College acceptances and attendance continues to increase
- 60% of seniors accepted to first choice college, 82% to first or second choice, 90% to first, second or third choice
- Commendation for high MCAS achievement
- Second year on Annual AP[®] Honor Roll
- Students remain in APS – survival rate high

Success Comes In Many Forms

Athletic

Over 58% participation

Cross Country – three qualified for state meet, one a state champion

Girls Hockey, Boys Basketball, Boys & Girls Soccer in states

Three Indoor Track athletes ranked in top 20 in the nation

Creative

3 AHS students won top national awards in the Scholastic Art Awards including Silver and Gold keys

AHS Honors Orchestra & OMS Select Chorus at MA Music Educator's All-State Conference

AHS Imagine_literary magazine awarded "Excellent" by NCTE

AHS Jazz Band won 2nd place in Berklee College International Jazz Festival

Community Service

Football players & parents repainted locker room

AHS Juniors Community Service Day June 12

AHS Relay for Life - \$66,000

Paint It Forward – parents & students renovated OMS Technology Classroom

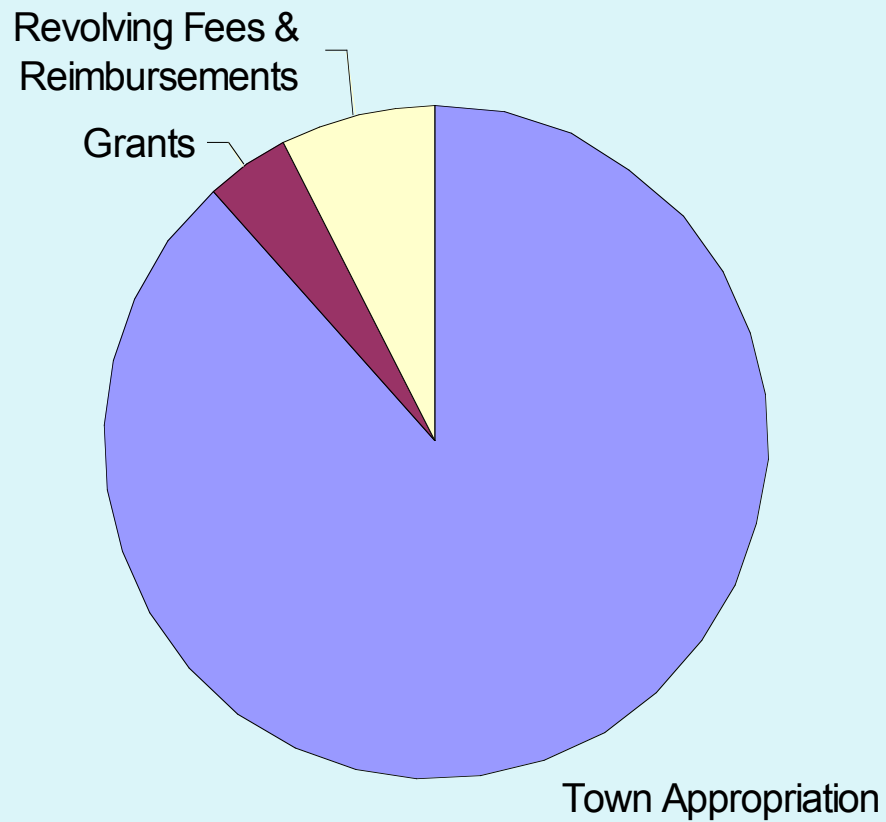
Protecting our Athletes

- APS policy follows state standards
- Impact baseline testing being performed on all High School athletes – using computerized neurocognitive assessment tool
- Annually all football helmets are professionally evaluated and re-certified – helmets found to be below standard are replaced
- FY13 athletic budget includes additional \$22,000 for concussion prevention if necessary

School Budget - Different from other Town Budgets

- Town Appropriation is 88% of total Budget for FY13 \$44,642,598
- Remaining 12% of School Budget is funded by Grants, Fees and Other Reimbursements \$5,891,926
- **Total School Budget** **\$50,534,524**

FY13 Superintendent's Proposed Budget Funding Summary
Total Funding \$50,534,524



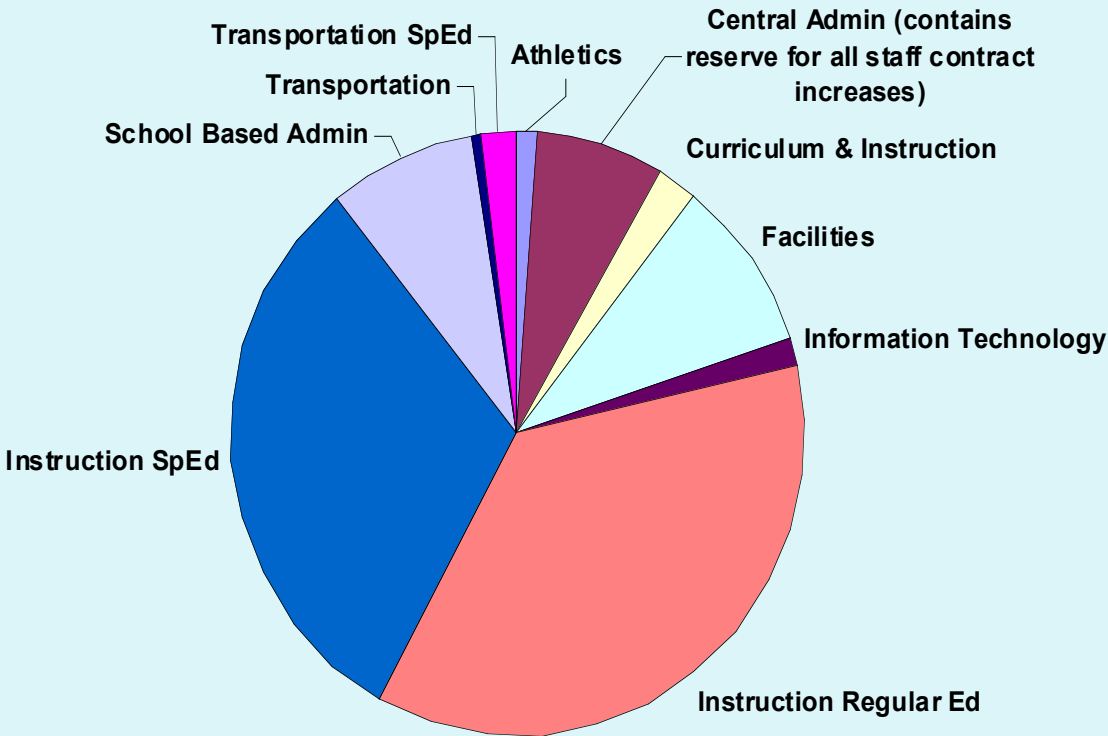
FY13 Budget Background

- Override = no cuts in FY12 & FY13 budgets
- Stable funding allows planning for coming years
- FY13 budget shaped by years of reductions
 - Administration, support staff, facilities, educational supplies & materials, curriculum leadership, student support services and direct instruction
- Cuts to classroom teachers were spared to greatest extent possible

FY13 Budget Considerations

- Factors influencing FY13 budget
 - Begin to restore administrative infrastructure
 - Relocation of Thompson students
 - Ongoing investment in least restrictive in-district Special Education programs
 - Labor negotiation year

**FY13 School Committee Budget Expense
by Major Category
Total Budget \$50,534,524**



Central Admin contains reserve for staff contract increases as well as step and lane adjustments. Once contract negotiations conclude, these amounts will be moved back into the appropriate parts of the budget.

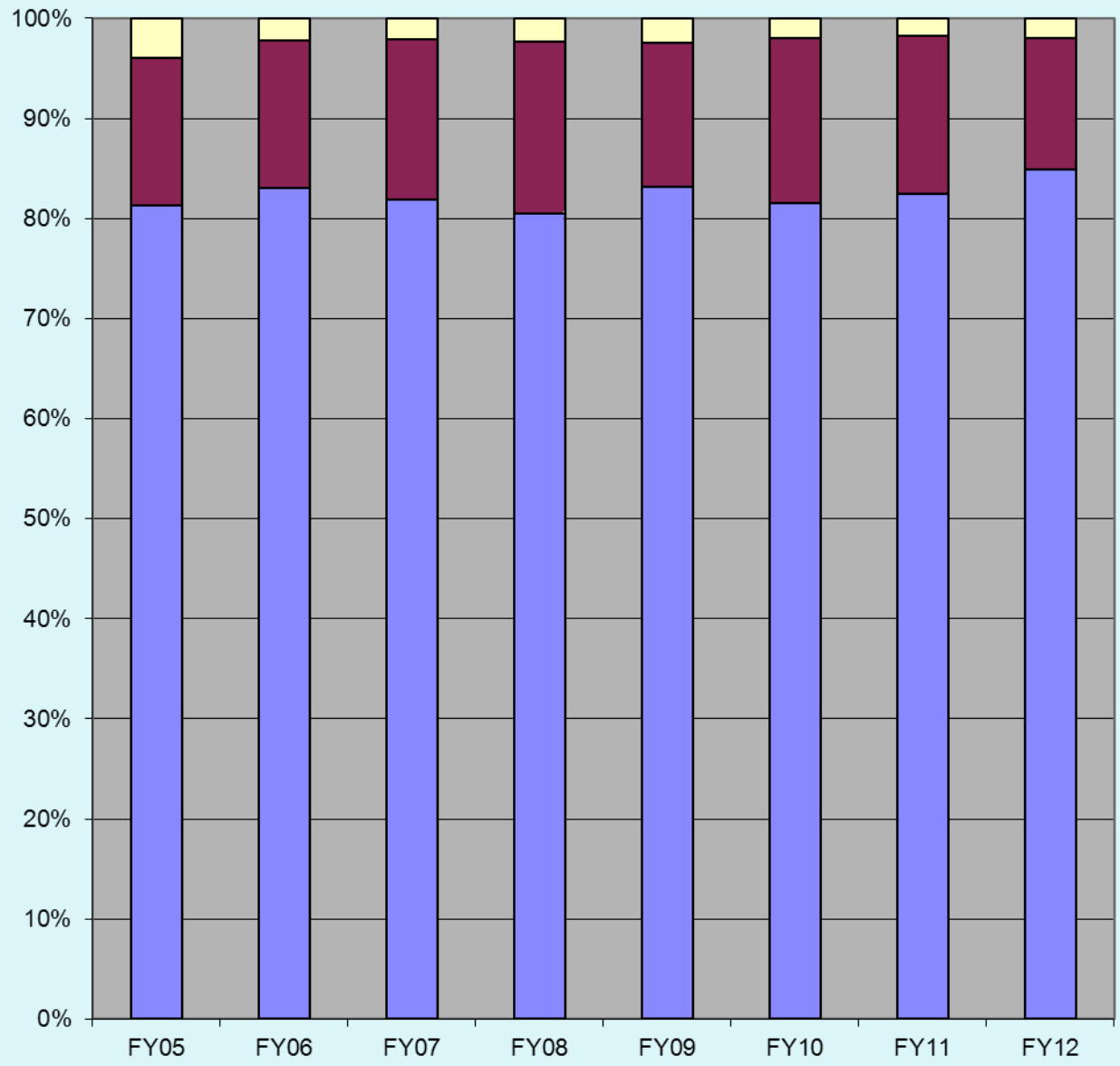
Special Education Update

- APS required by law to provide free & appropriate education in least restrictive environment
- Special Education more expensive than Regular Education given greater teacher/student ratios & other related services
- 15% of APS students receive Special Education
 - 13% of APS special education students are in-district, 2% are out-of-district
 - State average 17%

Special Education Trends

- APS Special Education student population
 - decreased 9% since FY05
 - overall APS student population grew 9% during same interval
- Impact of Reading Response To Intervention (RTI)
 - 88% of students at grade level by grade 3
 - 95% of students at grade level by grade 5

Placement of Special Education Students as a Percentage of Total Enrollment

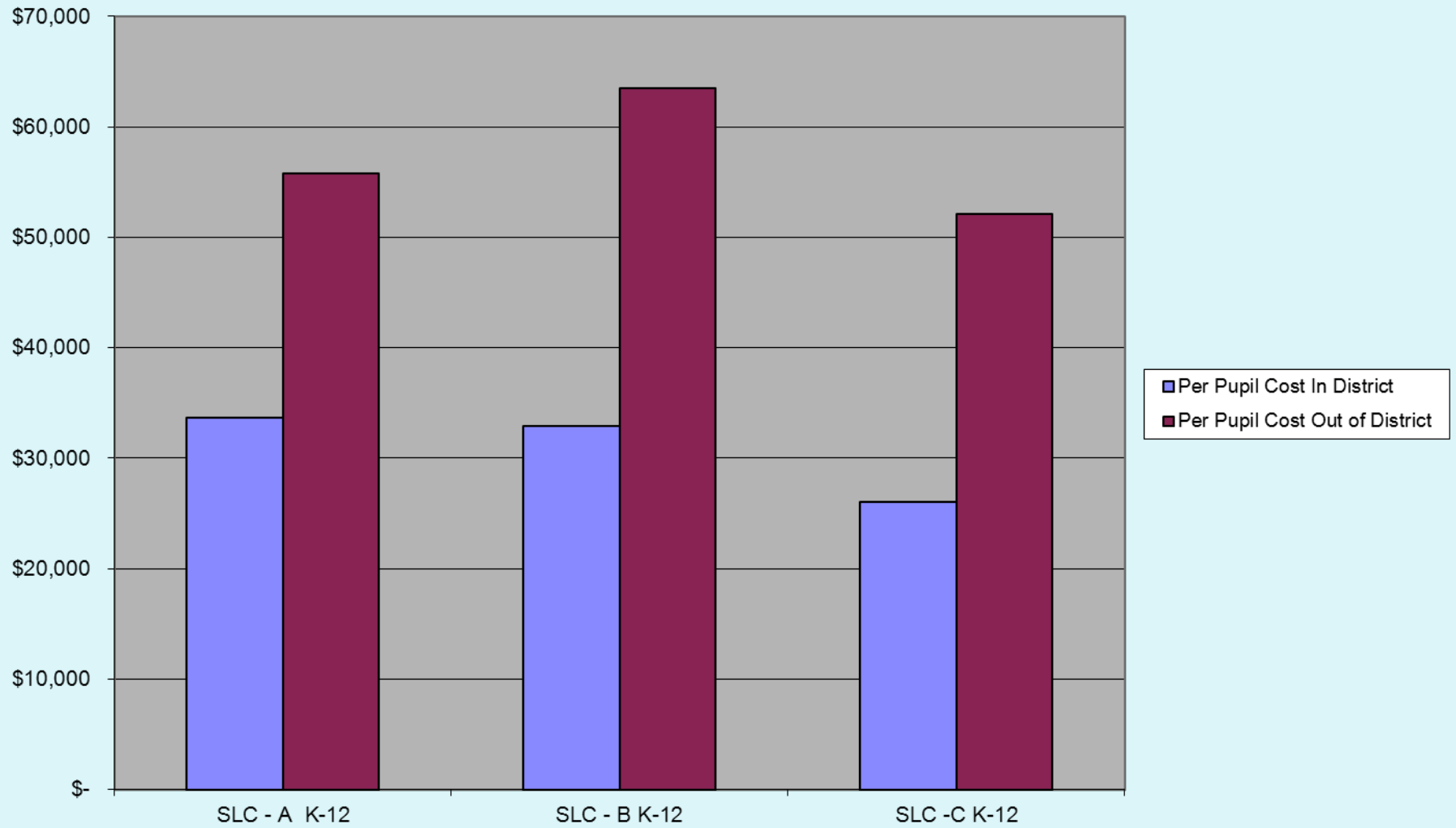


- APS Out of District Special Ed Students
- APS In District Special Ed Students
- APS Regular Ed Students

Special Education Costs

- Containing cost with In-District Programming
 - Between \$22,000 and \$32,000 less to educate a student in-district instead of out-of-district, depending on program
 - Arlington continues to invest in quality in-district programming
 - APS would spend an additional \$2.3 million to educate SLC students out-of-district

Cost of Educating Students Enrolled in APS Supported Learning Center Programs Compared to Out of District Placement Cost



More APS Accomplishments

- OMS at New England Math League
 - 8th grade placed 16th out of 129 schools
- AHS Math Team won division playoffs
- OMS - 1st year entering National History Day Competition
 - One team won state category “original website” and will travel to Washington DC for national competition
 - One team won “best documentary”
- AHS Quiz Team – Arlington will compete with Lexington to be a finalist on May 13
- Elementary schools perform numerous community service activities
- Arlington Community Education sponsoring after-school and summer enrichment programs – over 1,000 students participate in Summer Fun