January 10, 2013

Re: FY14 Appropriation Vote

Dear Members of the School Committee:

The FY14 Budget represents the second full cycle within the multi-year fiscal plan supported by the override vote in June of 2011. Part of the proposal to the taxpayers of Arlington was the expectation that the School Department would receive a 3.5% increase on its annual appropriation, with an additional 3.5% on Special Education costs.

For FY14, the Town is recommending an amount of $47,675,113 as the appropriation for the School Department. This number also includes the $970,000 Kindergarten Fee offset voted by Town Meeting in October of 2012.

The School Department is requesting $47,675,113 for the FY14 Town appropriation.

Sincerely,

Diane Fisk Johnson
Chief Financial Officer